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Politicians' support for Cowbridge Market Hall project

REPORT by PHILIP IRWIN

LOCAL politicians have been offering enthusiastic support to plans to turn Cowbridge Livestock Market into a community hub for the town.

Under proposals revealed two weeks ago, the existing market would be refurbished, the area around the market and town halls would be resurfaced for car parking, and a new building – called 'The Exchange' – would be built.

The Vale Market Community Enterprise (VMCE) aims to fund part of the cost of that new building through a 'community bond' scheme which was launched last week at the Vale Show.

The Leader of the Welsh Conservatives, Andrew RT Davies, said: "There have been many proposals for the site over the last few years, but it is now time for positive action to be taken and restoring the market will only boost Cowbridge.

"It is abundantly clear that Cowbridge high street has been under pressure for some time and, therefore, the regeneration of the market site offers some much-needed good news for local people and businesses in Cowbridge."

The Vale AM, Jane Hutt, said: "To build The Exchange, VMCE needs to raise £500,000 within the next 12 months. That is where the community bond scheme comes in.

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Parking charges

PROPOSALS for car parking charges in Cowbridge have sparked quite a debate.

Turn to GEM letters on page 2 for the latest views.

Cowbridge Comprehensive's delight over A-Level success

Happy students at Cowbridge Comp!

COWBRIDGE Comprehensive is "thrilled" with the exam performance of its sixth form students!

The school said the success was a tribute to the hard work and dedication of a fantastic team of staff and young people, working together to achieve the best outcomes.

A-Level results marked yet another year of academic and personal success, with an overall A-Level pass rate of 99 per cent.

Over 50 per cent of students have received A-Level results one or two grades above their predictions, "illustrating that the value added to the education of students studying in the sixth form is commendable."

The results include many individual achievements, with significantly high numbers of students (29 per cent) achieving the top A*/A grades, which bucks the national trend and is higher than the national average this year of 25.9 per cent.

Mrs Thomas, the headteacher, said: "We are delighted with the excellent success of our students. We are delighted so many young people have achieved and exceeded their potential, securing their first choices at a wide range of prestigious universities, including Oxbridge.

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Sad way to treat our countryside

WATERY LANE, leading up to Welsh St Donats and Hensol, is a well-used country lane.

Recently, the first part leading from the A4222 has been looking particularly untidy.

A voluntary litter pick last Sunday morning produced a very full black bin bag of rubbish, presumably from passing traffic.

Among items retrieved was a lady's nightdress, three pairs of slippers, blue, red and green respectively; a Dire Straits CD case, complete with CD; an unopened container of M&S Macaroni Cheese and plenty of drink cans, plastic bottles – as well as Macdonalds and Greggs' waste containers.

All this litter was found in the first 400 yards from the corner with the A4222.

It seems a very sad reflection of the careless way the countryside is treated by those using it.

Andrew Foyle,
Maendy.

Thank you to the Good Samaritans

I WOULD like to thank the many people who came to my parents' assistance when my dad collapsed near to Mansell's chip shop in Porthcawl on July 25; especially Tracey McNamara and the lady and Mansel from the chip shop, who all rushed to their assistance.

First aid was given and an ambulance was called. My mother was looked after while these kind Samaritans took care of my dad.

Tracey McNamara managed to contact myself using my dad's mobile.

At this time, no one knew the graveness of the situation ahead of us. This kind lady even offered to drive my mum to the hospital.

From this time, and throughout A&E and ICU at The Princess of Wales, my dad was treated with dignity and respect, until he sadly passed away on July 27.

Our heartfelt thanks go to all those who helped us during this terrible time.

Susan Day,
Brackla.

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'OVERWHELMED' BY SUPPORT FOR VALE MARKET PLAN

WITH regard to development of the livestock market site and 'The Exchange' market hall in Cowbridge, VMCE (Vale Market Community Enterprise) would like to express their thanks to all who visited us at the Vale Show.

We are extremely grateful for their comments and the overwhelming support for this initiative – in particular, the community bond.

With respect to the positive comments reported in last week's GEM, a prospectus will be issued in due course, setting out the financial and legal aspects of the bond issue, and we will be taking on board a number of the comments raised.

A business plan has already been prepared, which was reviewed by the Vale Council prior to their decision to support the scheme.

The funds to repay the bonds will be generated through profits from the activities operated within the Market Hall (The Exchange).

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However, the financial support given by the community will be absolutely essential to support these applications, in order to gain a positive result.

If you would like to know more, please see our website www.theexchangecowbridge.uk or call 01656 674001.

Mandy Davies,
(Chairman VCME).

'Charges needed to tackle abuse'

A GOOD reason for charging for car-parking in Vale towns and one-hour parking, is the abuse of the time limit; such limits are needed to reserve central spaces for brief trips for shopping and services.

However, limits need enforcing and traffic wardens appear inadequate in number and efficiency, while the council has little income to meet enforcement costs. Car parkers, not the public, should pay.

Caryn Gwilliam complains of being caught for overstaying by 10 minutes in Cowbridge High Street (*GEM letters, July 30*).

What's unfair is that too many get away with overstaying much longer. I see shop vehicles overstaying for hours in Penarth's shopping centre, with some brazenly advertising their shop.

A charging scheme inevitably has time-limits, but operates without fear or favour.

Abuse of free parking extends also to spaces reserved for unloading to shops and for bus stops, as in Penarth's Windsor Road shops.

Charging for parking – even 10-minute parking – appears necessary to make car parkers respect the regulations and the rights of others.

Let's see parking charges introduced on grounds of policy enforcement in Penarth too, not simply to raise revenue for management and council funds.

Max Wallis,
Penarth.

Potential damage

COWBRIDGE and Barry are united against the Labour council's current plan for parking charges and local people understand the potential damage to our high streets.

Alun Cairns MP, Andrew RT Davies AM, Tory AM candidate Ross England and various councillors have come out against the proposals and called for the council to stop and consult. Our constituency AM, however, appears to be silent on this issue – why?

David Williams,
Llandow.

'WARNING TO RESIDENTS'

MUCH has been written about the effect on shopping with the introduction of parking charges in Cowbridge, but very little comment has been made about the loss of amenity for the residents who live near the town centre.

This aspect received a brief mention in Mr Alan Cairns' s letter, but otherwise has been ignored.

Commuters will not pay £5 per day to park their cars, when on-street parking in residential areas is available a short distance away.

It will not be regarded as £5 a day, but as £25 a week – or £100 plus a month – or £1,200 plus a year. There have been many studies by transportation engineers about this vexatious problem.

It is not new. Cardiff faced it 40 years ago.

The Vale councillors cannot introduce parking charges without also protecting the nearby residential areas from indiscriminate parking.

Do we want double yellow lines or residents' parking permits?

Residents who live in houses near the town centre (and I do not) would be well advised to ask our borough councillors what proposals they will introduce to safeguard their rights of access and general amenity, before it is too late.

Brian Tucker,
Llanblethian.

'Well done, Vale Show!'

Congratulations to the organisers of the Vale Show 2015 – what a fantastic family day out last Wednesday!

Our family have been a supporter of the event for the last 10 years or so and I can honestly say it gets better and better each year.

It seemed more thought-out and organised than ever this year, with plenty of toilets, cash machines, ice cream vans and hand- washing facilities.

I, along with many other parents, appreciated the soft play and art activities based in the centre of the food court... Genius, I could actually eat my food whilst my two-year-old amused himself!

Thank Also represented were other organisations which paid a key role in the Second World War including Town and Community Councils, the Police, the Fire and Rescue Service, the WI, the RNLI and St John's Ambulance. you for such a wide range of activities, stalls and events, and a big thank you for all of those who let us stroke their sheep and climb all over their tractors – a truly memorable day!

The Biddle family,
Rhoose Point.

Conduct hearing: 'peculiar charge'

THE GEM article headlined 'Councillor faces conduct hearing over '£3.5m exit cash comments', (August 6), prompted me to look into the council procedure described in the article.

The gist of the complaint against Coun Clarke is that he had broken the Code of Conduct/Protocol by saying that some of the councillors on the committee had 'a trade union background' which, it was alleged, implied they vote in a certain way.

What a peculiar charge to make six months after the original story in January?

Anyone can see on the council's website which members of the committee have trade union backgrounds, so that's no secret – and why should it imply how they vote?

Surely the implication of a statement is a matter for the reader to conjure with, since any analysis of the written word is subjective?

Individuals can read into words whatever they like: since when has a writer had to answer for the implications reached by others?

To imply the words have a logical consequence is really stretching the facts.

The procedure to be followed is not mentioned, but the council's constitution includes a *'Local Dispute Resolution Procedure,'* which seems to fit the description.

It is confidential; there is no right of appeal, and no publicity of those involved is allowed, unless the councillor is censured.

My advice to Coun Clarke would be to take a barrister with him when he is summoned to the hearing: the case against him seems weak and the process looks more than a little one-sided.

Dennis Harkus,
Barry.

'Council should be transparent'

THE possible censure of Councillor Philip Clarke for allegedly breaking so-called 'Code of Conduct Protocol' in highlighting the excessive discretionary retirement payments, is another example of the lack of transparency practiced by the Vale Council.

If one were to execute a Freedom of Information request, would the councillors ignore that?

This behind closed doors approach must be stopped. Discretionary exit packages of over £3.5 million, when put into focus, and related to the reduction in funding for the needs of the young and elderly, would seem a poor management culture for a local authority.

Councillor Clarke was elected in the face of stiff opposition and on the platform of openness and accountability to the electorate.

D S Mitchell,
Penmark

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL AUGUST 27)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

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23 Sun			12.28	7.9
24 Mon	00.57	7.7	13.42	7.6
25 Tues	02.19	7.5	15.09	7.7
26 Wed	03.47	7.8	16.27	8.2
27 Thur	04.56	8.4	17.22	9.1

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How putting the rubbish out one night saved a passerby's life!

ABOVE: From left to right, Sian Rees, Kaye Aherne, Trish Beer and Paul Aherne enjoyed a relaxed reunion following the frantic drama of a few nights before.

GEM EXCLUSIVE by TIM CHAPMAN

THE chance decision to put the rubbish out late one evening led one Llantwit Major family to save someone's life!

Peace reigned that Tuesday night in Paul and Kaye Aherne's house in Clos Ogney – Kaye had just returned from a birthday celebration with friends including Sian Rees, and Paul was quietly putting the recycling out the front.

Kaye, a manager at a paediatric ward in Bridgend, said: "I heard my husband shouting Kaye, Kaye, Kaye. Quick! Someone's collapsed out the front."

Trish Beer, a local teacher, explained: "I was out walking my dog Winnie from the next estate, and began to feel chesty and hot – and realised I was having an allergic reaction."

Paul recalled: "She said to me 'Can you help me? I've had a reaction to something.'"

Trish said: "My ears and face began to swell, and I was thinking 'this is really serious'. I thought: 'I'm dying'. I literally couldn't breathe."

Paul and Kaye helped Trish through to their conservatory – and tied her dog out the back while the drama continued to unfold.

They called the ambulance. No one was sure whether Trish was suffering from an asthma attack or anaphylaxis.

Kaye rushed upstairs to get a ventolin inhaler, but Trish's airways remained blocked and she continued to deteriorate.

Kaye said: "The phone went and it was my friend Sian. I said: 'I can't stop, someone's just collapsed!"

It was warm in the conservatory, and Paul and Kaye were also concerned that Trish might fall and hit her head on the hard floor so they moved her out onto a garden bench outside.

Paul said: "It was like a scene from MASH."

Sian arrived to help and exclaimed: "What the hell's going on here!"

The neighbours apparently thought a party was going on. Far from it – Trish was going blue, and Paul and Kaye eased her onto the floor, where Kaye carried out mouth to mouth resuscitation and CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation). Sian was shocked at how swollen she was.

Paul said: "After about 40 to 50 seconds (of CPR) she made a noise and started to breathe."

They then placed Trish in the recovery position.

Kaye said: "The ambulance men arrived within 10 minutes and were very good. They asked: 'Who is she?' I said: 'I don't know. She was walking past the house.'

"I said I've given her CPR and they asked why. I said: 'Because she'd stopped breathing and went the colour of my husband's shorts!'"

Trish was given adrenaline by the ambulance men, and to the relief of Kaye, Paul and Sian continued to recover.

Trish said: "In the ambulance I was talking and began to calm down. When I got to the Princess of Wales Hospital I had a chest x-ray and stayed there overnight."

While Trish was taken away in the ambulance, Kaye and Paul managed to get Winnie, the dog, back to Trish's mum's neighbour.

Trish gave Kaye a bouquet, a bottle of wine, chocolates and some treats for their dog as a thank you.

She believes it was a case of anaphylaxis which is a severe, potentially life-threatening allergic reaction that can develop rapidly. Attacks can be caused by insect stings, peanuts, tree nuts, certain foods – such as milk and seafood, and even some medicines.

Kaye stressed that incidents like the one Trish experienced underline how important it is for people to carry inhalers in case of an asthma attack or an adrenaline pen in case of anaphylaxis.

Last week, the four people involved in the drama met up again and as you can see from the picture, it was a far more relaxed occasion.

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LOCAL GIRL WILL STUDY AT OXFORD UNIVERSITY

LOCAL girl Catrin Howells of Maendy, a pupil at Cowbridge Comprehensive School, will take up her place at Oxford University to study law in October.

After her excellent A-Level results last week (two A*s and two As) she will study at Jesus College, which has strong links with Cowbridge.

Leoline Jenkins – a former principal of Jesus College(1661-1673) – was the second founder of Cowbridge Grammar School and is buried in the Chapel of Jesus College.

Catrin is looking forward to being part of the various music ensembles at Oxford University, as she is also a talented musician and has achieved grade 8 on clarinet, saxophone, flute and piano.

ABOVE: Catrin Howells is heading off to Oxford to study law.

She is the principal clarinet of Cardiff County and Vale Youth Orchestra, and has been a member of the National Youth Orchestra of Wales for the last two years.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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Chapel talk

SARON CHAPEL, Treoes, was very well attended by local residents and visitors from further afield for the meeting which took place on August 14.

The speaker, local historian, Mr David Francis, gave an in-depth history of Saron, which dates back to 1831. Born in the village of Llansannor, he has remained a local lad and now lives in Llanharry, which is a few miles away.

Mr Francis has a degree in philosophy and is a successful author – one of his popular books is *The Borders and Vale of Glamorgan*.

Saron will again welcome everyone to their harvest festival which will take place on Sunday, September 6 at 5pm, conducted by Pastor Ken Adams.

School work

ON August 17, I walked into the Llangan Primary School playground to see how the work is progressing and had a chat to the man in charge!

The building, which is almost completed, is really superb. The only downside is the work will not be completed until late September.

Let's shop in Cowbridge!

AS a Cowbridge resident, it is obviously a concern to see so many local shops closing down. I urge local residents to shop locally, and use the independent traders who make the High Street attractive and interesting.

I support the bigger, chain stores, too, but if we could all spend a few more pounds in the local shops it would make a big difference for them.

I suspect a lot of people will roll out of the doctor's surgery and straight into the shiny new Lloyds pharmacy opposite. However, the convenience of heading there may put a strain on the other chemist on the high street, which has been a part of the community for a long time.

I certainly will be heading to the High Street.

Aled Morris, Cowbridge.

Councillors' surgery

COUNCILLORS Geoff Cox, Hunter Jarvie and Andrew Parker, Cowbridge ward members on the Vale council, will be holding a surgery on Thursday, August 27 from 4.30pm to 6pm in the Robing Room of Cowbridge Town Hall (west door entrance). Appointments are not necessary.

'A Life in the Theatre' will be CADS' tribute to Jim

COWBRIDGE Amateur Dramatic Society (CADS) will be staging David Mamet's *A Life in the Theatre* at The Market Theatre in Cowbridge from Thursday, August 20 to Saturday, August 22.

The Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *Glengarry Glen Ross* and *Speed-The-Plow* takes us into the lives of two actors: John, young and rising into the first flush of his success, and Robert, a stage veteran who is older, anxious and beginning to wane.

In a series of short, spare and increasingly raw exchanges, we see the estrangement of youth from age and the wider inevitable and endless cycle of life, in and out of the theatre.

As the play goes on the two actors are involved in a variety of productions, and gradually their relationship begins to change.

The production is directed by Brenda Grove, and stars CADS regulars Lloyd Lee and Stuart Robinson as Robert and John.

Sadly, CADS lost long term member, Jim Grove, to cancer halfway through rehearsals of *A Life in the Theatre*.

Director Brenda Grove said: "Since Jim's absence we have missed his skills as scenic artist and set constructor but other members of CADS have risen to the occasion and produced some amazing things.

"All the backstage crew have worked really hard to ensure the success of this production and I am truly grateful."

CADS Chairman, Camilla Hopkin said: "We are pleased to be supporting Brenda's production of *A Life in the Theatre*, especially through this difficult time.

"Cast and crew have rallied around and been working very hard in preparation, and we are all looking forward to opening night."

Tickets for A Life in the Theatre are £7. They are available on the door, and from WG Davies Newsagents on Cowbridge High Street.

Doors open at 7pm, for 7:30pm curtain. The bar will be open before and after the show and during the interval.

For more information about CADS or The Market Theatre, visit: www.market-theatre.com.

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Vale farm welcomes guests for hog roast to help raise funds for Marie Curie Hospice

Pictures by
MIKE WILCOCK

LAST Sunday (August 16), Castle Farm in St George's welcomed around 100 guests to a hog roast.

John Roberts, the chairman of the Cowbridge fundraising group for Marie Curie, said: "The event was a fundraiser for Marie Curie Hospice in Penarth, and it was a great success, raising more than £2,500."

Castle Farm is the home of Simon and Victoria Hooper, and is thought to be the oldest occupied house in Glamorgan. It recently featured in an hour-long TV programme.

The hog roast was supplied by Hugh and Fiona James.

YBS appeal for 'good cause' nominations

Yorkshire Building Society colleagues Lee Mercer, Sarah Penrose and Lauren Taylor count the small change!

SMALL change donated by members of the UK's second largest building society, is being put up for grabs in a £100,000 giveaway – and members of the public in Cowbridge are being asked to help decide how the money should be spent.

Yorkshire Building Society Charitable Foundation launched its 'Small Change Big Difference Week' on Monday, August 17, and colleagues at the society's local branch are hoping residents will pay them a visit to nominate charities and good causes in the community to receive a share of the huge donation.

All nominations received by Saturday, August 22, will then be considered by the Charitable Foundation's Trustees to receive a £100 share of the £100,000 giveaway.

Jonathan Tucker, manager at the Cowbridge branch of Yorkshire Building Society, said: "We're really looking forward to taking part in this year's Small Change Big Difference Week and can't wait to hand over donations to successful charities and good causes in our local community.

"This campaign is a perfect opportunity to help some of the smaller causes that can often be overlooked for donations, and to whom £100 can go a long way.

"I really hope local people will take a minute to pop into the branch, nominate their chosen charity and support a cause close to their heart."

On the 70th anniversary of VJ Day, veterans and townsfolk come together to remember

The 70th anniversary of VJ Day and the end of WWII were marked by two events in Cowbridge.

On Saturday, August 15, a short service of commemoration was held at the War Memorial, led by the Chaplain of the Cowbridge Branch of the Royal British Legion, the Rev Norman Williams. Poppy wreaths were laid at the memorial to remember all who made the ultimate sacrifice.

The following day there was a service of commemoration at Holy Cross Church, attended by serving Armed Forces personnel, cadets and veterans, some of whom had served in the Far East conflict.

Also represented were organisations which played a key role in the war including town and community councils, the Police, the Fire and Rescue Service, the WI, the RNLI and St John Ambulance. **PD**

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Support for Market Hall project

RIGHT: Jane Hutt AM at the Vale Show with Karen Davies of Purple Shoots and VMCE members Geoff Webber, David Harris and Peter Cole

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The AM added: "They are applying for a range of grants but will also need to raise match funding which they are planning to do through the launch of their new community bonds.

She continued: "This is a great scheme. The creation of a Market Quarter will not only benefit the farming community but local residents and businesses too, as it will raise the profile of Cowbridge as a destination.

"It has been very exciting to see the plan develop. I hope people get behind the community bond scheme."

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"However, the financial support given by the community will be absolutely essential to support these applications in order to gain a positive result."

She added that more information could be found on the website www.theexchangecowbridge.uk

A-Level success!

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Mrs Thomas continued: "This is well-deserved tribute to the hard work of the students and their teachers.

"We wish to congratulate all our students on their fabulous achievements and wish them all the very best as they take up their places at university, employment or begin their gap year."

Some of the top performing young people achieved the following A-Level results: Owen Ace – A*, A*, A; Theo Blackwell – A*, A, A , A; Jordan Carpenter – A*, A, A; Ben Crosby – A*, A*, A, A; William Dent – A*, A*, A, A; Niamh Gallagher – A*, A*, A, A; Bradley Horsley – A, A, A; Catrin Howells – A*, A*, A, A; Miles Jenkins – A*, A*, A, A; Rhiannon Jones – A*, A*, A*, A; Markus Knevett – A*, A, A; Liam Martin – A*, A*, A*, A*; Eleanor Morgan – A*, A*, A*, A; William Parker – A*, A*, A, A; Ryan Sherreard – A, A, A, A; Toby Swann – A*,A*,A*, A*; Declain Thomas – A*, A*, A, A.

Happy family – Mark and Sarah Brennan with baby Eryn.

Family joy at arrival of Eryn – *and a big 'thank you' to local baby unit*

A mum from Llantwit Major who gave birth to a beautiful little girl after losing 10 babies has thanked Princess of Wales Hospital staff in Bridgend who cared for her daughter in her first weeks of life.

Sarah Brennan was so grateful to the Special Care Baby Unit at Princess of Wales Hospital in Bridgend she nominated it for a charitable donation – leading to her employer presenting the unit with £500.

Sarah and husband Mark are understandably excited about daughter Eryn's first birthday next month.

But for a long time they had to cope with heartbreak after heartbreak, going through 10 miscarriages in as many years.

The couple had only just been placed on the IVF waiting list when they found out 36-year-old Sarah was pregnant.

At 29 weeks, her waters broke and she spent two weeks being closely monitored in Singleton Hospital, Swansea.

Having not gone into labour Sarah decided to go home after that. When she did finally go into labour on September 30 last year the baby was in the breech position, requiring an emergency Caesarean at Princess of Wales Hospital.

Baby Eryn was born seven weeks premature, weighing 3lb 11oz.

Sarah said: "She spent the first three weeks of her life in the SCBU in Bridgend, with us travelling back and forth every day.

"The care in SCBU was excellent. What they do there is just amazing.

"Although Eryn was born nearly two months early she is a right little bouncer now. You would never think she was a premature baby."

Sarah is a project manager for CarillionAmey in MoD St Athan.

When she returned to work the company was seeking nominations for charitable donations of £500. Sarah successfully nominated the SCBU.

She said: "We wanted to give something back. I belong to the SCBU support group and anything I can give, I will."

SCBU manager Helen Radford said: "We are always grateful to receive donations like this. We have already written back to CarillionAmey to thank them.

"The money goes into our general fund, which we use to buy new pieces of equipment or to improve facilities for babies and parents."

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Organiser hopes for up to 200 entrants...

Charity run is returning!

by GEM REPORTER

THE organiser of a Cowbridge Cancer Research UK run in the town this October is hoping for as many as 200 entrants – including one or two walkers.

The event last took place in 2013.

Anne Birt told The GEM: "Last year, I didn't organise a run, but we are hoping to make the event bigger and better than ever this October!

"I am hoping for between 150 and 200 entrants, and walkers are welcome too!"

This year there's going to be entertainment and fun provided – as well as the fund-raising run of course.

Anne said: "On the rugby club site there will be stalls and entertainment for the whole family to enjoy – a bouncy castle, face painting, 'splat-the-rat' and also Belgian waffles, pizzas, and a lot more.

"The event is on Sunday, October 11, with registration at 9am. The 5km and 10km runs will begin at 10am."

Registration on-line is £10; on the day it will be £15. Sponsorship forms can be downloaded at: *https://www.cancerresearchuk.org/support-us/find-an-event/Cowbridge-on-the-run-2015*.

In 2011-12 Cancer Research provided £332million of funding to hospitals and universities.

Keep an eye out in The GEM for more information on the event in the next few weeks.

Cowbridge Book Festival update

ON Wednesday, October 7, bestselling historical novelist Ben Kane will make a welcome return to Cowbridge Book Festival.

In 2013, Ben delighted his festival audience by appearing dressed in the uniform of a Roman legionnaire – he gave a fascinating talk about his books and his marathon walks, in uniform, to raise money for charity.

This time, he will be appearing with his friend, walking companion and fellow author Anthony Riches. Equally passionate about Roman history, both authors are renowned for their in-depth research and their riveting stories are based on real people and true events.

This discussion will start at 7.30pm in the Minstrels Gallery at the Duke of Wellington.

On Wednesday, November 4, the festival will present the popular 'Crime Night' – featuring a three-way discussion between local award-winning author Belinda Bauer, a new crime writing talent Emma Kavanagh and the Sunday Times bestselling author of the David Raker series, Tim Weaver.

This event will be held in the Cowbridge United Free Church at 7.30pm.

For these two events, the Cowbridge Book Festival is working with Vale Courses Adult Learning.

Proceeds from all Festival events are donated to The Noah's Ark Appeal, Children's Hospital of Wales and Leukaemia & Lymphoma Research.

Details can be found on the festival website *www.cowbridgebookfestival.co.uk*. Tickets will be available from August 24 and can be obtained online via the Festival Website or TicketlineUK or from Old Hall, David Barnes (Dry Cleaners) High Street, Cowbridge or Nicklebys' Book Shop, Pound Field, Llantwit Major.

SRC

Artists' autumn exhibition

AN autumn exhibition by the Wick group of artists to be held at the Old Hall, Cowbridge Community College from September 3 – 24. Open 10am – 4pm weekdays.

This is a varied exhibition of paintings in different media. All welcome. For further information call 07941 203939.

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AROUND THE VALE SHOW...

Vale MP Alun Cairns and Ross England (right), the Conservative Assembly candidate in the Vale, with a patriotic cow! Mr Cairns said: "The Vale Show was blessed with fantastic weather, and such a well-organised event really brings all communities in the Vale together."

Show president, Lord Lieutenant Dr Peter Beck and Mrs Beck (centre) with former High Sheriff David Jenkins and Mrs Jenkins (left and right). Photograph by Heather March.

Left to right: Show president Dr Peter Beck, Sir Brooke Boothby, who hosted the event, Mrs Beck and Jon Homfray. Image by Heather March.

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL
(ST ATHAN PUBLIC FOOTPATH No 2 (PART)) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2015

The Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended), and of all other enabling powers intends in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice to make an Order the general effect of which is as described in the schedules below: -

SCHEDULE 1

1. No person shall proceed on foot in the locations specified in Schedule 2 below.

SCHEDULE 2

Location	Footpath (Public Rights of Way) known as St Athan Number 2 from grid ref 301432 168186 in an easterly direction to its end.
Alt. Route	During this closure a diversion from the point of closure in a southerly direction to St John's View then north via Rectory Road will be available.
Reason	To prevent danger to pedestrians while construction work is carried out.
Duration	From 00.01Hrs on Tuesday 1st September 2015 for a maximum period of six months.

Dated this 20th day of August 2015

M. E. Punter,
Head of Visible Services & Housing,
Vale of Glamorgan Council,
The Alps, Wenvoe. CF5 6AA.

LAMBS guided through the 'Three Castles' tour

The group outside Grosmont.

ON August 10, 24 members of the Llansannor local history group, LAMBS, were conducted around the sites of the Three Castles in Monmouthshire by CADW guide, Alison Hargreaves.

White, Grosmont and Skenfrith Castles are located in the valley of the River Monnow and date back to early Norman times. The guided tour introduced the group to the complex history of the castles.

Alison explained that the castles would originally have been earth and timber motte-and-bailey type structures, but they were strongly fortified in the late 12th century.

During the reign of Henry III, Skenfrith and Grosmont castles were rebuilt and Henry later gave the three castles to his eldest son, the future Edward I.

In the mid 13th century, the area of the Southern March was threatened by Llewelyn ap Gruffudd and the castles were garrisoned, but the Welsh threat diminished with his death in 1282.

The castles had a brief military involvement during the revolt of Owain Glyndŵr in the early 15th century, but by the mid 16th century the sites had been abandoned.

On behalf of LAMBS, Pam Salmon thanked Alison for providing the group with a very enjoyable and informative tour. Members retired to the Bell Hotel in Skenfrith for a late lunch, during which the LAMBS Chair thanked Cathie Brooks for organising a stimulating and very enjoyable visit.

After lunch, some members sat out in the hotel garden, by which time a morning of heavy rain and umbrellas had given way to a warm and sunny afternoon.

MB

Events group and Beach Cafe make presentation to Wales Air Ambulance

Following the beach party held recently by Llantwit Major Events Group, along with the support of Maria at the Beach Cafe, a £450 cheque presentation was made to Wales Air Ambulance.

IMAGE by HEATHER MARCH

MP welcomes new improved Ewenny Bridge

THE new Ewenny Bridge has opened with Vale MP Alun Cairns welcoming the news.

The road, a key artery in the western Vale, had originally been due to remain closed until October, but Mr Cairns worked with Network Rail to reduce the project time to a four month closure rather than six.

Mr Cairns said: "I am pleased that the residents and traders in St Brides Major and the surrounding towns and villages can now benefit from improved traffic flow.

"I worked hard to shave two months off the project timings, and will continue to support the traders.

"We visited the bridge while the tarmac was still warm, and on Friday evening my team visited local residents and traders to inform them that the bridge had reopened," he added.

Musical treat for pensioners

OVER the past few weeks, the Llantwit Major Pensioners Club has enjoyed a fantastic trip to Clevedon and Cribbs Causeway on a sunny day.

They have also been treated to Penny Weedon's talented skills on the keyboard, enjoying Strauss and Wagner – compositions which were played to a high level and thoroughly enjoyed by members.

Penny's love of music is expressed in her facial expressions and is transformed to her listeners. We had a very interesting talk from the Youth Cancer Trust.

This week, about 23 of the members were invited to St Donats Castle (Atlantic College) for elevenses and afterwards we had a three-course lunch. The students served us and we were able to ask about their country and family life and in turn, the students wanted to know more about our family and where we were born etc.

After lunch, we were given a tour of the castle and told about the myths and handed-down stories, which was very interesting.

We then congregated on the lawn with musical entertainment from the students.

Mrs Lorraine Reid, our chairperson, gave a vote of thanks.

Over the next four weeks, we are looking forward to Pam and Cled's presentation of their holiday to Patagonia.

We then have Barry Male Voice Choir to entertain us.

Our next trip is to Aberdulais waterfalls and then on to The Big Pit in Blaenavon. Call 01446 794257.

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Bro Morgannwg's pupils maintain a high pass record

Jessica James, Sarah Owens, Ffion Goodland and Jennifer Hampton.

Elen Smith, Manon Cooper and Leah Robinson.

PUPILS, parents and teachers at Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg are celebrating excellent A-Level examination results this year as the school achieves a pass rate of 98 per cent of pupils attaining an E grade or above in two or more A-Level subjects.

More significantly, 84 per cent of all entries were graded at A* – C, an increase of seven per cent on last year, with 60 per cent of the grades being A* – B.

Leading the way this year were the historians. More than one third of the cohort studied history and 100 per cent of the pupils achieved a C grade or above in the subject.

This year both boys and girls have starred.

We are proud that our head boy, Dafydd George of Penarth, came top with incredible results. Three A* grades in biology, mathematics and the Welsh baccalaureate along with two A grades in history and chemistry. He will now study Medicine in Birmingham.

Congratulations also to Owen Young, two A* grades in English literature and mathematics along with an A grade in chemistry. He will now study Economics in Bristol. Our head girl, Kimberly Williams, achieved three A grades in geography, history and sociology.

Caitlin Perry achieved an A* grade in geography and A grades in history and religious studies.

We also celebrate the successes of Abigail Bertera and Ruby Morgan who both achieved three A grades.

We take pride in the success of all pupils who have reached their potential and have worked so tirelessly to achieve what they deserve.

Pupils followed traditional academic courses as well as vocational subjects in the sixth form.

Particular praise is due this year for the numerous pupils who achieved distinctions in music performance BTEC courses.

The baccalaureate continues to go from strength to strength with all pupils benefiting from refining a wide variety of skills.

Almost all pupils were registered for the qualification this year with 98 per cent achieving the Diploma; 50 per cent of pupils achieved an A* or A grade in the revised baccalaureate as a graded course.

Congratulations to all the pupils and staff and we wish all pupils every success in the future. Well done!

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Disgyblion Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg yn llwyddo i gynnal safon arbennig o uchel yn eu harholiadau safon uwch eleni eto

BRAF iawn yw dathlu canlyniadau Safon Uwch ardderchog yn Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg eleni gyda 98% yn ennill gradd E neu uwch mewn dau neu fwy o bynciau.

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Eleni roedd y bechgyn a'r merched yn serennu.

Ymfalchïwn fod Dafydd George, ein prif fachgen, o Benarth ar y brig gyda chanlyniadau anhygoel sef 3 gradd A* mewn bioleg, mathemateg a'r fagloriaeth Gymreig gan ennill dwy radd A mewn hanes a chemeg.

Bydd nawr yn mynd i astudio Meddygaeth ym Mirmingham.

Llongyfarchiadau arbennig hefyd i Owen Young, 2 radd A* mewn Saesneg llenyddiaeth a mathemateg ac A mewn chemeg. Llwyddodd ein Prif Ferch Kimberly Williams i ennill 3 gradd A mewn daearyddiaeth, hanes a chymdeithaseg.

Llwyddodd Caitlin Perry i ennill A* mewn daearyddiaeth ac A mewn hanes ac addysg grefyddol.

Dathlwn hefyd lwyddiant Abigail Bertera a Ruby Morgan a enillodd dair gradd A.

Dathlwn hefyd lwyddiant yr holl ddisgyblion sydd wedi cyrraedd eu potensial ac sydd wedi gweithio yn ddygn a chael eu haeddiant.

Dilynodd y disgyblion gyrsiau traddodiadol academaidd yn ogystal â phynciau galwedigaethol yn y chweched.

Mae'n rhaid cyfeirio yn benodol at lwyddiant nifer fawr o ddisgyblion yn ennill graddau Anrhydedd * mewn BTEC perfformio cerddoriaeth. Mae'r fagloriaeth hefyd yn parhau i fynd o nerth i nerth gyda'r disgyblion i gyd yn elwa o fireinio amrywiaeth eang o sgiliau.

Cofrestrwyd bron pob un o'r disgyblion ar gyfer y cymhwyster eleni eto ac fe lwyddodd 98% i ennill y Diploma.

Llwyddodd 50% o'r dysgwyr ennill graddau A* neu A ar gyfer y fagloriaeth ar ei newydd wedd fel cwrs wedi ei raddio.

Llongyfarchiadau i'r holl athrawon a disgyblion a dymunwn bob llwyddiant i'r bobl ifanc yn y dyfodol.

KH

Methodist holiday clubs entertain local youngsters

Some of the children who took part in the Methodist summer holiday club.

THE Vale of Glamorgan Methodist circuit summer holiday clubs have taken place across three venues: Saint John, Barry Island, The Gathering Place Church and Community Centre in Saint Athan and at Crossway.

Nearly 100 children attended during the three weeks (as well as some families at the special 'end of holiday club' services).

A spokesman said: "The theme was 'Cops and Robbers'. During holiday club, we 'investigated' the story of Joseph and his brothers, found in Genesis.

"We learned and thought about jealousy, anger, amazing coats, dreams, Joseph in jail, betrayal, trust, wisdom, forgiveness and hope.

"By trusting God, Joseph becomes a powerful leader and eventually is reunited with his brothers and Dad!

"The children learned new songs, memorized Bible memory verses, did action prayers and songs, as well as playing games and making theme-related crafts.

"The children learned that telling the truth is important, or we can get tied up in a mess.

"Rules are important, for example a sports match needs a referee or the match becomes a mess!

"People were jealous of Jesus and they plotted against him, which led to Jesus as the innocent party being falsely accused and sent to die on a cross.

"But in an amazing twist to the tale, it is we who are cleared when Jesus wins the battle between good and bad.

"He died for our freedom and when we put our belief and trust in him, he forgives us and welcomes us into his way of life!"

Deacon Sam and Rev Pete wish to thank all the adults and children for taking part in this important ministry and service to the communities in Barry and St Athan.

REV PETER TAYLOR

THE VALE SCHOOLS AGAIN OUTPERFORM NATIONAL AVERAGE

THIS year's A-Level and AS-Level results show Vale schools have outperformed the national average again.

Almost 98 per cent of pupils sitting this year's WJEC A-Level examinations achieved an A*-E grade, over half a percent higher than the Welsh average. Nearly 90 per cent of pupils sitting AS-Level exams achieved A-E grades. 24.33 per cent of A-Level pupils achieved the highest possible grades, A*-A, while 77.73 per cent achieved A*-C grades.

Results at two of the Vale's schools were exceptional. The pass rate for A-Level pupils at both Cowbridge Comprehensive School and Stanwell School in Penarth was over 99 per cent. Over 31 per cent of pupils at both schools achieved A* or A grades.

The biggest increase in performance was seen at Ysgol Bro Morgannwg in Barry where the number of A*-C grades at A-Level increased by 8.21 per cent from last year.

Coun Chris Elmore, cabinet member for children's services and schools, said: "First and foremost, I would like to congratulate all the young people receiving their results today on reaping the rewards of their hard work.

"Nearly 98 per cent of pupils in the Vale achieved the level 3 threshold of two A-Levels and this is something both they and their teachers can rightly be very proud of.

"It is pleasing to see that yet again schools in the Vale have outperformed the national average. We have two of the country's standout schools and one that has seen a significant improvement on last year.

"Their results are a testament to the hard work of all those in the Vale that are working to drive up standards."

Tory town centre policy will encourage more free parking

FREE council parking schemes should be introduced across the Vale as part of plans to revive high streets, say Welsh Conservatives.

Theye also called for councils to publish annual reports on how much they make from parking charges.

It comes amid reports that Welsh councils made nine million pounds last year, according to RAC figures seen by the BBC. The Vale Council recently announced plans to introduce parking charges in Barry and Cowbridge.

A Welsh Conservative policy document 'A Vision for the Welsh High Street' was initially launched in 2012 and is available on *www.welshconservatives.com/policy*. It includes a clear free parking priority and will be included in the party's 2016 manifesto.

When parking is not free during the day or night, Andrew RT Davies has also called for an official Wales-wide 10 minute leeway on parking fines. It follows figures obtained by the Welsh Conservatives which showed 15 million pounds had been raised by councils during the last three financial years and more than 500,000 parking fines had been imposed across the country.

South Wales Central AM and Leader of the Welsh Conservatives, Andrew RT Davies, said: "Free parking is the key to high street revival. The evidence clearly shows that when parking is easy, footfall soars.

"We've spent the last three years calling for the Labour government to work with councils and introduce free parking schemes. It's one of the most significant answers to the question of high street decline and Welsh Conservatives would ensure it happens.

"Business rates reform, simplified planning, town centre managers; these are just some of the additional proposals within a Welsh Conservative high street strategy that could reverse a worrying decline in footfall."

RUMMAGE SALE

THERE will be a rummage sale in the Lesser Hall, Victoria Square, Penarth on Wednesday, August 26 from 2pm until 3.30pm. Entry 50p (includes tea/coffee). Plenty of bargains for all, all proceeds to charity.

Sad Fred on way to a speedy recovery

FRED, a popular attraction at Amelia Trust Farm, has recently become quite 'pawly': the farm celebrity was seen limping around the public areas and, sadly, had stopped eating.

Many of Fred's fans had become very worried as he was trying to hide from public view. Fred has also been quite upset recently because he has been missing a member of staff who has left the team.

Luckily, Nicole from Vets 4 Pets came to Fred's rescue by kindly offering to help him get on the road to recovery! Thanks to Vets for Pets, Fred is now recovering and is receiving a lot of TLC from the farm staff, volunteers and young people.

MAL JONES

WONDERFUL VALE SHOW PROMOTED RURAL VALE, IN ALL ITS DIVERSITY...

ONCE again, the Vale of Glamorgan Agricultural Show has delivered a wonderful display of the breadth of the rural economy with popular competitions, as well as stands and stalls displaying food, produce and crafts.

As a major event in the south Wales calendar, the Vale Show certainly attracts the crowds and I am always glad to be there.

In fact, this was my 17th Vale Show since I became the Vale of Glamorgan Assembly Member in 1999.

I have regular diary fixtures starting with the Vale Council breakfast event, followed by visits to the Vale Council's marquee to meet officers, councillors and the Mayor at his tea party later in the day.

But I also meet with the farming unions, voluntary organisations and Vale businesses. This year it was good to meet the Vale Youth Forum and their youth cabinet who play such an important role in representing the views of young people in the Vale.

This year also provided me with the opportunity to talk to farming and rural businesses in the Vale about the challenges and opportunities they face.

I have been engaging with the farming unions and visiting farming families in the Vale to learn more and have invited Rebecca Evans – the Deputy Minister for Food and Farming – to visit the Vale in the autumn.

I was able to provide more information about the new Welsh Government Rural Communities – Rural Development Plan 2014 – 2020 at the Vale Show this year.

The indicative budget allocation of EU and Welsh Government funding for the LEADER programme for the Vale of Glamorgan has been agreed as £1,820,000.

The Local Development Strategy will be taken forward by the Vale Council with Creative Rural Communities – who delivered the last programme promoting the LEADER approach involving local businesses and communities. The objectives and plans for the next phase include:

• *Creating more economic value from the natural and historic environment and encouraging business and social enterprise to provide local services:*

These funds will enable us to create more employment and enterprise opportunities in the Vale making the most of our beautiful landscape, heritage and communities – improving the economy with services such as shops, cafes and accommodation – which will boost local tourism and help make these businesses more sustainable.

• *Improving digital usage within businesses and communities:*

The Rural Development Funding will also help make better use of modern, fast digital infrastructure with improvements to the provision of superfast broadband and 3G/4G mobile technology in our very rural communities. Also, it can help businesses to access digital technologies to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of their businesses.

The next phase of the Rural Development Plan for the Vale will involve building links and making more of the opportunities provided by Cardiff Airport and the enterprise zone at Rhoose and St Athan.

It is good to see this next phase developing alongside the continued regeneration of Barry with recent annoouncements of Welsh Government funding for the town centre, alongside the investments in Gibbonsdown, Castleland and Barry Island so visible this summer.

ASSEMBLY NOTES

by **Jane Hutt AM** *(Minister for Finance)*

'Inspiring the Vale'

This year's successful bursary applicants are pictured here with Natasha Davies (CRC), Coun Neil Moore, Anna Rees (TWF), Heather Stevens (TWF), and Coun Lis Burnett.

THE Vale Council's business breakfast event at this year's Vale Show was billed as a celebration of some of the county's most innovative young entrepreneurs.

It became a double celebration, however, when Heather Stevens CBE used her opening remarks to announce that the Waterloo Foundation would continue to support the council's 'Inspiring the Vale' bursaries scheme for another year.

The scheme provides bursaries of up to £3,000 for young people aged 16-30 years old intending to start a new business or social enterprise in the Vale.

Heather Stevens said: "Hearing the bursary recipients speak about the impact that the Inspiring the Vale scheme has had on their lives and of the challenges that they have overcome as a result reinforced to everyone in the room what a valuable project this is. I am delighted that the Waterloo Foundation can continue to support such important work."

Jonathan Hanna and Monique Post, founders of INAWE (International Autism Wales Education) which provides a translation of the newest international findings on autism into bespoke lectures, workshops and training, said:

"The bursary has enabled us to create a brand and logo, which embodies what InAwe is about; the changing of perspectives."

Young entrepreneurs who wish to know more about the scheme can find information online at: www.creativeruralcommunities.co.uk or via create@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk.

'Support Vale dairy farmers' – CALL BY PLAID

A LOCAL Plaid Cymru councillor has urged support for Vale dairy farms, after meeting NFU officials and local farmers at last week's Vale Show.

Coun Ian Johnson said: "There has been a 30 per cent drop in the price for milk paid by supermarkets to producers in the past year and cheese processors are being paid around £1,000 per tonne less than 12 months ago, but consumers are still paying the same price.

"This should be an issue for the Groceries Adjudicator, which Plaid Cymru believes should have greater powers to intervene when the market is being unfair on both farmers and shoppers," he insisted.

Aqua Spas visit the Vale Show!

One of the many companies present at last week's Vale Show were Barry-based Aqua Spas – Julian and the team had a "very busy day!"

Have you some time for 'The Useful Squad'?

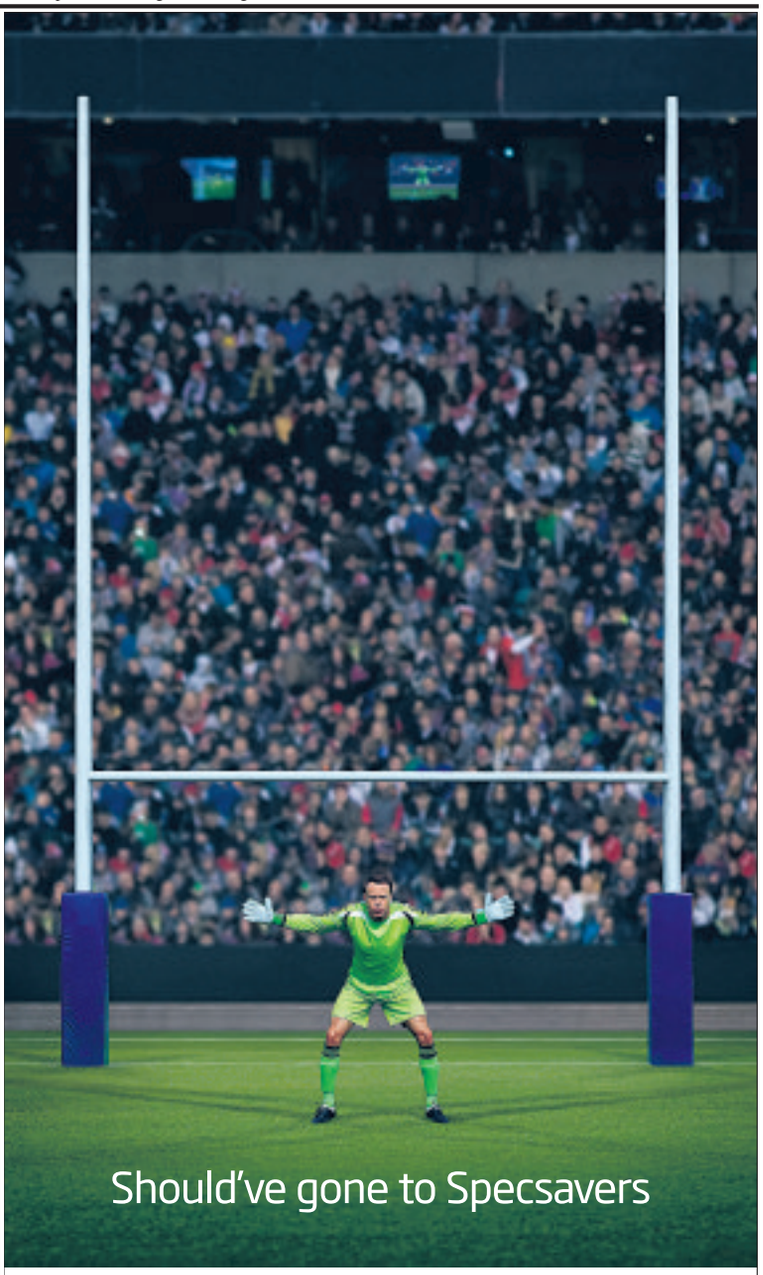
JOIN the Good Neighbours 'Useful Squad' and be the answer to an older person's prayers!

When you do your weekly shop, would doing an older person's shop at the same time be so much more of a chore?

Or maybe you could help with the garden?

An hour or two of your time every week, month, or whenever you can, would make a difference.

To talk to Age Connects Good Neighbours Schemes about how we support 'The Useful Squad', our wonderful volunteers, please contact Nicola Rocket in Barry on **01446 747654** or Bridget Palmer in Llantwit Major, Cowbridge and Western Vale on **01446 795549.** **BP**



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Runners raise nearly £1,000 for the Marie Curie hospice

Above: INVNCBL Race series directors Adam Jones and Natasha Louca-Jones visit the Marie Curie Cardiff and the Vale hospice to donate the proceeds from their event to Marie Curie representatives Owain Taylor-Shaw and Sarah Hughes.

INTREPID runners who took on an obstacle-filled race, have helped raise nearly £1,000 for Marie Curie.

When the INVNCBL Race Series held its Margam Park 10k event back in April, the event's race directors generously agreed to make a donation to Marie Curie for every person who registered to take part.

Thanks to the popularity of the event, £950 was raised to support the work of Marie Curie in Wales. Last week INVNCBL race directors Adam Jones and Natasha Louca-Jones visited the Marie Curie Cardiff and the Vale Hospice in Penarth to deliver the charitable proceeds from the Margam Park event

INVNCBL Race series directors Adam Jones and Natasha Louca-Jones, said: "We are extremely proud to continue to support and raise funds for Marie Curie in Wales, and it's down to the commitment of all of our participants that we are able to do this. Thank you and well done to everyone who took part in this exciting challenge."

Owain Taylor-Shaw, partnerships manager for Marie Curie in Wales, added: "We are enormously grateful for the support we receive from the INVNCBL Race Series. It is because of donations like this that the charity is able to provide support to people living with a terminal illness, and their families, across Wales."

The INVNCBL Race Series will also be supporting Marie Curie at the upcoming 10k at Penallta Park in Ystrad Mynach, Caerphilly on Saturday, October 17.

For more information on how you can take part, visit www.invncbl.co.uk or follow @BeInvncbl on Twitter.

The East Coast Bike Ride 2014.

Velindre riders will tackle the Rockies challenge...

IN just over a year, a second group of fundraisers will set off for Canada to embark on an epic 405km bike ride in the Rockies for Velindre Cancer Centre.

The first group, which includes Velindre president Jonathan Davies and patrons Martyn Williams and Mike Hall, will set off on September 5, 2016.

Those taking part will get a once-in-a-lifetime look at the breathtaking route from Canmore to Jasper that is described as the 'Highway strung from the stars' by National Geographic Traveller.

Former Wales and Scarlets rugby star Matthew J Watkins and Olympic medallist Jamie Baulch, have both signed up for the second Rockies ride, after taking part in the East Coast Bike Ride last year.

Matthew J Watkins said: "The last ride was unbelievable! It was tough but worth it; we visited some incredible places and met some amazing people, but most importantly we raised an incredible amount of money for Velindre."

Jamie said: "Sharing the experience of riding through the Rockies with my fellow cyclists will be such a privilege; from rising to the sheer physical challenge of the ride to raising much-needed funds for Velindre.

"It's going to be an extraordinary experience for everyone who supports and takes part."

There are limited places available on the second ride. For further information or to book your place visit www.velindrefundraising.com or contact 02920 316211.

Centre makes the case for older cats

HOMELESS feline OAPs are being routinely overlooked, despite cats living longer, happier lives, according to Cats Protection's Bridgend Adoption Centre.

WILLIAM.
Photo by Sue Dobbs.

Figures from the charity show that, on average, older cats take around five times longer than kittens to be adopted.

The centre says improvements in cat care have greatly raised the life expectancy and quality of life for cats across the UK, and many household moggies are now living into their late teens and early 20s in good health.

However, the bad news is that owners still appear to choose a cute, fluffy kitten over an older cat.

Sue Dobbs said: "It is a shame because older cats have a lot to offer. They tend to stay closer to home so make great companions.

"Their characters are fully formed, so you know what sort of cat you're getting and they're less likely to scale the curtains or knock your ornaments off the shelf!

"Though the centre looks after all the cats in its care very well, life in a pen is no substitute for a permanent home, so I would urge people to consider adopting an older cat."

Some older cats in desperate need of a home:

William – a 13-year-old neutered male, who was sadly admitted into our care after his owner passed away.

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One of the 'Few' issues an appeal

I HAD the honour of flying Hurricanes for the RAF as one of Churchill's 'Few' during the Battle of Britain, which took place 75 years ago this summer.

This week, I have been marking the anniversary of what is known as 'the Hardest Day' in that battle against German invasion – Tuesday, August 18 1940 – the day on which the Luftwaffe made an all-out assault on RAF Fighter Command, resulting in both sides losing more aircraft than on any other day during the campaign.

As we recall those fateful days and celebrate the bravery of all those involved – many of them my friends and colleagues – we must also remember our enduring debt of gratitude to all who have served, and who serve now. The RAF Benevolent Fund believes it is important for the country to share in the memory of the Battle of Britain and the sacrifices that were made, but it needn't all be a solemn affair.

That's why I'm supporting their inaugural Great British Sunday Lunch – a chance for families, friends, and communities to gather together on Sunday, September 13, to host their own meal at home, in the local community centre, at the pub or in the park, to raise vital funds to support RAF veterans and their families.

You can find more information, or sign up to hold a lunch event at www.rafbf.org/gbsl.

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Gwyn has a special reason to join charity cycle ride

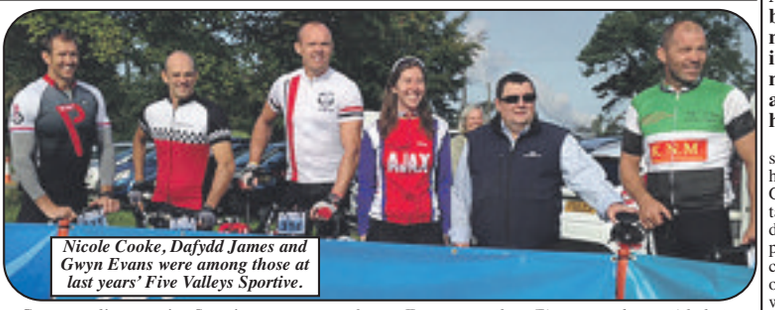
A FORMER Maesteg and Wales rugby star will be taking part in a cycling challenge this autumn – in aid of Prostate Cymru.

The Five Valleys Sportive returns this year and will see individuals cycle one of Wales' most famous routes. When the opportunity arose, former fullback Gwyn Evans was keen to get involved in aid of Prostate Cymru.

He said: "Both my father and my grandfather passed away from prostate cancer, so when Prostate Cymru Ambassador and former Cardiff rugby player, Ray Giles, approached me to take part in the Five Valleys Sportive I didn't hesitate to get involved. It is a great and challenging event that helps raise awareness for a brilliant charity. I hope more people can get involved."

Gwyn Evans was one of the few Maesteg RFC players who played at international level, touring New Zealand with the British and Irish Lions.

After retiring from rugby, he played cricket for a number of years before retiring and now keeps fit with cycling and other activities.



Nicole Cooke, Dafydd James and Gwyn Evans were among those at last years' Five Valleys Sportive.

Gwyn lives in Llangynwyd and continues to have close links with the local sporting community.

He said: "I am looking forward to the event. Cycling has become one of my main enjoyments since retiring from rugby.

"There is a real physical challenge that comes with it and I know the Five Valleys route is no exception. It will be an exciting experience and riding alongside other cyclists and supporters of the charity will be great fun."

Andy Thomas, Chairman for Prostate Cymru, said: "We are thrilled to have Gwyn, along with other rugby players Dafydd James and Gareth Cooper, take part in the Five Valleys cycle ride."

The Five Valleys Sportive was the brainchild of Prostate Cymru Ambassadors, former rugby player Ray Giles and distinguished cyclist John Pritchard.

To enter the Five Valleys Sportive, simply visit http://www.thefivevalleys.co.uk/enter-event/. Groups of more than 10 may be entitled to a discount and will need to contact john.pritchard@prostatecymru.com.

Assembly's £4.8m investment for Velindre Cancer Centre

THE Welsh Government is investing £4.8m in vital new equipment for Velindre Cancer Centre, it was announced this week.

"The money will buy a new linear accelerator as a replacement for the oldest of the cancer centre's seven machines. The new machine will offer advanced radiotherapy as well as the standard functions of a linear accelerator and will double Velindre's capacity to deliver stereotactic radiotherapy treatment," a spokesperson said.

Health and Social Services Minister Mark Drakeford explained: "This investment means patients will be treated on machines using the latest technology to deliver safe, accessible and effective treatment. Importantly, it will mean Velindre will continue to treat patients in Wales who need stereotactic radiotherapy, rather than them having to travel to England."

Dorothy Tan operating a new linear accelerator.

Patients' waiting times 'unacceptable'

A regional Welsh Conservative AM, Dr Altaf Hussai, has branded as "unacceptable" news that over 25,000 patients in Wales have had to wait over nine months for an NHS appointment – "a figure that has doubled in six years."

He stated that latest statistics also show that one in five patients is having to wait longer than the Welsh Government's maximum waiting time target of eight weeks to access diagnostic services, with around 15 per cent of cancer patients failing to commence treatment within 62 days of diagnosis: 25,373 people had been waiting over 36 weeks.

The AM for south Wales west, who spent 18 years working as a consultant in the Welsh NHS before entering politics, said: "Urgent referrals made by GPs are called 'urgent' for a very good reason, and the practice of downgrading them is unacceptable.

"We need to look at how many of these downgraded referrals ultimately result in a patient coming under the care of an oncologist.

"It is clear that in cases like these, delays cost lives and the best outcomes are achieved when life-threatening illnesses are caught and treated early."

CHARITY EVENT

A CRAFT and bake sale will be held at Llantwit Major's Llantonian Hall on Saturday, August 22, to raise money for the Alzheimer's Society (from 12pm – 3.30pm).

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Bullets, lobster pot and rope are collected on the beach!

CHANNEL Coast Surf Club and the local beach-going community teamed up with Barefoot Wine Beach Rescue and Surfers Against Sewage to take part in the now annual beach clean.

A spokesman said: "While summer doesn't always bring the worst of the marine litter that winter's storms wash ashore, the clean was still a great success, with over 50 volunteers coming to pick up litter hidden on the stony beach over a two-hour period.

"Overall, a huge 102kg of litter was collected, and items included bullets, a lobster pot and several metres of rope. A big thank you to all those who took part and enjoyed a free sample of Barefoot Wine."

N-ice day for youngsters to practise their speech

IT was ice creams all round for a group of youngsters enjoying a fun day out with a difference at Port Talbot's Margam Park.

They were all born with either a cleft lip and palate (CLP) or a palate that does not function well, and have been receiving speech therapy.

Without it they could develop speech errors that can become habitual and very difficult to change, requiring years of therapy to remediate.

ABMU hosts the Welsh Centre for Cleft Lip and Palate covering five south Wales health boards – ABMU itself, along with Hywel Dda, Cwm Taf, Aneurin Bevan and Cardiff and Vale.

Morriston is the surgical centre for the service. The speech and language therapists based in the hospital also work in the community and liaise with local therapists across south Wales to ensure children can have therapy close to their homes.

ABMU's CLP team organises an annual outing to give the youngsters a chance to practise their speech in an everyday environment.

This year's was the third trip and saw seven children and their parents make the journey to Margam Park for a day of fun activities.

Specialist speech and language therapist Lisa Farquhar explained: "The whole idea is to get out of a clinical setting. What we are trying to do is help children generalise speech sounds.

"They can do the sounds, but don't always use them. They come to clinic and do it fine but then they forget it and don't use the sounds.

"It's about encouraging them to use their speech in more everyday activities.

"One activity this year saw parents wear fancy dress and take part in a catwalk-style parade, while the children provided the commentary – with encouragement to use their sounds in a clear and correct way."

Ben Stevens (Caerphilly); Eliza Trainer (Cardiff); Evie McConnan (Dinas Powys); Jack Hudson (Penarth); Tomas Lewis (Barry); Ruby King (Cardiff); and Olivia McGeown (Tonyrefail).

Vale Mayor serves in charity shop

Coun Fred Johnson with manager Liz and volunteers outside the SVP shop.

VALE Mayor Coun Fred Johnson's chosen charities are the RNLI and the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), an international Christian voluntary organisation helping those in need.

The Mayor recently volunteered to work in the SVP shop on Holton Road, Barry.

Coun Johnson reported: "I have thoroughly enjoyed meeting everyone and would like to thank manager Liz Walsh and the volunteers for welcoming me. The shop is a real community space and Liz is a fantastic manager. Whatever you may need, the team will find it!"

Manager Liz Walsh said: "What a great day we had and it was lovely meeting the Mayor – we are looking forward to his next shift with us!"

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THE MYSTERY OF THE DISAPPEARING QUEEN

WHAT a year it has been so far at the Fonmon apiary...very varied weather conditions, prolific swarming activity, and as of yet, no honey taken off!

One of my colonies that swarmed is just not going anywhere.

A queen cell was observed as open, but no signs of a queen being present could be detected.

To remedy this, I introduced a frame containing eggs from one of the other colonies, but still nothing is happening.

The future of this colony needs some consideration. An interesting occurrence did take place while I was inspecting the apiary bees.

An empty hive on site that I was using as a store for 'ready to use spare frames' should I require them due to my inspection findings in the other colonies, was taken over by a swarm that descended in a vast cloud and, as usual, much noise.

Where could they have come from? Well, thinking about it there are apparently eight colonies sited within the very near cement works and just who is looking to their needs I do not know. I think they could well be the most likely contributors.

It is also noticeable that drones are now being refused entry and actually being turned out by the female workers. This in itself is not an unusual activity but it is somewhat earlier than is normal. Do the bees know something we don't?

Control of the Varroa mite has to be addressed and my approach so far has been to use formic acid-soaked strips. If we are to believe the producers' literature, the advantage that the beekeeper can expect is that where other control substances only affect mites that are on the bees, the formic acid will penetrate the wax capping that is enclosing the developing bees.

These capped larvae (they will become bees eventually) do have mites that have hopped in with them, before the bees completed the capping process, and these very mites will carry out their own breeding cycle while they are enclosed with the developing bee.

It is also stated that contamination of any hive products will not be an issue, plus the likelihood of the Varroa mite building up any form of defence is very unlikely.

The training apiary at Dyffryn is doing well, we have had swarming taking place (who hasn't) and three of our established beekeepers have taken their basic beekeeping exam there.

It is to be hoped that others will follow this option and not only will it improve their existing knowledge but increase their bee handling skills as well.

Coinciding with the exam activity, the National Trust had a fun weekend event and we beekeepers manned a table where information was dispensed relating to the onsite apiary and all things to do with bees and beekeeping.

Many questions were asked of those of us on the beekeeping table and the feedback to the staff of Dyffryn from visitors has brought about the possibility of a series of lectures/talks about the apiary and pollinating insects in general.

The beekeepers will give this venture our support should this come to fruition.

The welfare of the honey bee is an ongoing project and Fon-Mon apiary is a designated 'sentinel apiary' – which means that I am observing all of the colonies with a view to spotting the Small Hive Beetle. This is a predator that has not yet been reported in this country, but there is every likelihood that it will be with us eventually.

It is already widespread throughout the world and Australia, that is free of the Varroa mite, has found the beetle and it is spreading alarmingly there.

Sentinel apiaries are established throughout the British Isles and one of us sentinel apiary personnel will be getting our five minutes of TV fame. I have a wish for it not to be me.

What does this beetle do to a colony of bees? Well, I will leave that for another time, as it will take up some space.

HAROLD WILLIAMS

Valeways guided walks

AUGUST 23 Llwyn Onn – meet at 2pm in Merthyr Tydfil: Canolfan Ymwelwyr Garw Nant visitor centre.

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CLEVEDON & HOLM ISLANDS CRUISE Sunday 30th August. Depart 11am-6.15pm Cross the Channel to Clevedon before cruising round the mysterious Holm Islands**. Fares to Clevedon: £15 Child: £7.50 Family: £40. Full cruise: £23 Child: £11.50 Family: £65**

SAIL AWAY TO GLORIOUS ILFRACOMBE & EXMOOR COAST! Tuesday 1st September. Depart 10.30am – Return 9pm*. *Coach return to Penarth from Porthcawl. Sunday 13th Sepetmber. Depart 10am- 7.45pm. Wednesday 16th September. Depart 10.30am -7pm. Join us aboard Balmoral to cruise to the delightful seaside town of Ilfracombe with plenty to enjoy for parents and children with plenty of time ashore to explore! Alternatively, continue cruising along the scenic Exmoor coast with a short stop in Ilfracombe before your return. **Fare to Ilfracombe: £33 Senior: £31** Child: £16.50 Family: £89. Full day cruise: £36 Senior: £34** Child £18 Family: £97.** ** Senior fare weekdays only

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Son sees dad's wartime photo for the first time

Sunday School class, with Mr David Rees. John Thomas is far right, front row.

John Thomas jnr was featured in The GEM on July 30 with the very same cigarette case!

Private John James Thomas with the case.

LAST Thursday afternoon, August 13 at Porthcawl Museum, Mr John Thomas was united with a photograph of his father that he was previously unaware of.

His dad, Private John James Thomas 4th Battalion, Welsh Regiment is pictured holding the cigarette case that saved his life in Gallipoli August 1915.

The previous Sunday on the Roy Noble Show, on BBC Radio Wales, John had recounted the story of how his father had landed at Suvla Bay, Gallipoli, on August 9, 1915 as part of the 53rd Welsh Division.

Listening in Penygroes, where Private Thomas was born, was Mr Adrian Davies, chairman of Penygroes Historical Society. Adrian later recounted that he couldn't believe his ears, as he had been given a collection of World War One photographs in 2013 to help commemorate the men on the village war memorial, but was at a loss as to who the boy holding the cigarette case was.

On hearing John's account of how the cigarette case had saved Private Thomas's life, and that he had come from Penygroes, all fell into place.

On Thursday afternoon, Adrian arrived carrying two photographs: besides the photograph of John's father holding the cigarette case was a photograph of Private Thomas's Sunday School class.

The gentleman in the photograph was a Mr David Rees, who had been the village photographer during the early years of the 20th century. It was he who had taken John's father's photograph and whose grandson, Mr Brian Lewis, had donated the collection to the Penygroes Historical Society. John James Thomas is the boy on the far right of the front row.

On Thursday after much reminiscing of Penygroes, where John Thomas Jr was also born, Adrian very kindly gave John the original photographs of his father and presented copies to Porthcawl Museum to be placed alongside the cigarette case, which will remain on display as the centerpiece of the 'Welsh at Gallipoli' exhibition until Saturday, August 30.

Ceri Joseph.

Merger start of a new era

VALE Centre for Voluntary Services (VCVS) and Vale Volunteer Bureau (VVB) are now operating as one organisation called Glamorgan Voluntary Services (GVS).

"This is the beginning of an exciting new era, with endless possibilities for further quality service development, innovation and a strengthening of the support given by GVS to the third sector organisations serving the Vale of Glamorgan," said Rachel Connor, GVS' chief executive officer.

"The merger provides a great opportunity for GVS to build on the excellent work of its predecessors and over time, to develop new and improved services for the Third Sector here in the Vale."

To register as a volunteer, register your organisation to host volunteers, or to become a member organisation of GVS and benefit from a wealth of free and low cost services, contact Glamorgan Voluntary Services, Barry Community Enterprise Centre, Skomer Road, Barry; 01446 741706; email enquiries@gvs.wales

Choirs integral part of our Welsh culture

I WATCHED with interest a discussion on the BBC Breakfast show Monday morning (August 17) concerning the action currently being undertaken by Blaenafon Male Voice Choir, in conjunction with the Cwmbran based Focus Shift Films, aimed at encouraging more young men to join male choirs.

I sing with Cowbridge MVC. When I joined in November 2001, the choir had a register that recorded 90 members and it could easily stage 60 choristers for home concerts. Sadly, due to many factors numbers have diminished over the years.

We have managed to recruit a few new members over the past 10 years, but not nearly enough to compensate for losses.

The choir's current register records a total membership of 64 and it expects a couple of new recruits to join when it returns to rehearsals early in September.

Blaenafon MVC is to be applauded for taking the lead and for doing something constructive to address the recruiting situation.

Almost every choir in Wales has a problem recruiting young men to join the ranks; there are exceptions, of course, but they are few and far between.

Male choral singing is an integral part of Welsh culture and it must be preserved. How many choirs have a recruiting plan?

Word of mouth or family association is still at the forefront of finding new choristers. Nothing wrong with that approach, it has served choirs well in the past.

However, choirs will need to be more proactive in their approach to recruiting – 'Poems & Pints' nights are all well and good in the short term and advertising is too expensive.

I know that a great deal of what I am writing here isn't new, nor is it rocket science. I firmly believe that choir organisations need to promote MVCs in schools, colleges, churches and chapels.

Every choir controls its own destiny; every choir has a responsibility to its founding fathers, the community it represents, and to the wonderful tradition of male choral singing to make certain that it survives. It can be done – let's do it!

Cowbridge Male Voice Choir rehearses at Holy Cross Church, Church Street, Cowbridge (behind the Duke of Wellington public house) every Wednesday evening (7.30pm - 9.30pm). Come and join the choir – you will be made very welcome!

R O Pritchard,
Talbot Green.

'Enough to make you despair...'

WHAT is going on in the world today? The answer is greed!

Having read about the plot to rob Cilla Black's home while her funeral was taking place, I despair.

People who are not willing to work are a drain on the country. If you have lived through two world wars like I have, you know what it is to appreciate things.

Mrs Heverson,
Rhoose.

150TH ANNIVERSARY OF PENARTH TOWN

This is what happened in Penarth in 1865

BY BRIAN KEITCH

AFTER all the toasts (bubbly) on the occasion of the opening of the docks, town life in Penarth was quite active, too. We will pass over the fights outside pubs, prostitution (pretty normal in a sea port) and a few stabbings along the way, life was getting off the ground in the new township.

It was to be many years before a local press was established in the town, so I've had a plod over the two Cardiff-based papers of the day – the Cardiff Times and the Cardiff and Merthyr Guardian, which under the title of local intelligence kept the public informed of what was going on in the area.

Getting around was quite a novelty (as mentioned in an earlier number). 'PENARTH! PENARTH!' (ran the ad) 'Cheap and Speedy Excursions to and from Penarth; A spring covered waggonette will leave the Royal Oak, St Mary Street, Cardiff and John Street, Penarth every day – calling at The Ship and Royal Hotels.'

The waggonette left Cardiff at 1pm and 6pm and from Penarth at 10am and 5pm.

An extra trip was run on Saturdays. Fares – sixpence (2.5p). NB, parcels etc delivered immediately (!).

Jump on the paddle steamer *Velindra* and for 10p – or less – you could pop over to Bristol in a cabin.

After deporting prisoners to Australia as a penal colony for things like stealing a sheep or some clothes – the authorities were now begging you to pop Down Under. 'ASSISTED EMIGRATION TO QUEENS LAND – Assisted Passages are now granted to a limited number of eligible persons at £8 per head (adult). Female Domestic Servants, £4.' In a nutshell, they were after craftsmen and 'female domestic servants of good character'.

Back to some local 'gossip'. A new police station was being constructed in Windsor Road described as 'elegant buildings'. They are still there. The first gas pipes were being laid – presumably to include lighting, and the Taff Vale Railway was busily employing extra workers.

But a bit of old Penarth was not far away – *"The corn harvest has fairly commenced in this neighbourhood. Mr Tinker of Cornerswell (farm) and Mr Mayer, Penarth, have availed themselves of this fine and splendid weather and have got some of their best fields down. Heavy dew at night, occasional mild rain and great heat during the day has tended to make the straw good and the ears heavy."*

The beach was a matter of chat, too – *"Visitors to the beach continue to increase. We have always thought that Penarth will be more esteemed by Cardiff residents as it becomes better known. It is easily accessible"* (the Penarth ferry extended its sailings to the beach in summer months) *"and the expense is trifling. Leisure hours, bathing, rambling through the fields, donkey riding etc."*

However, reading and writing could be a problem for many. Help was at hand with the Penny Readings held in the National School Room.

Then there were matters of health. There were plenty of quacks about (Dr Jacob Hughes' Blood Pills, or Pink Pills for Pale People and the ever so deliciously sounding Bile Beans).

However not all was rosy on the farms – *"Cattle Disease – We are sorry to hear that the cattle of a neighbouring farmer"* (no name mentioned) *"have been attacked by a disease which affects their mouth and hoofs.*

"It is not, we believe, the terrible 'Rinderpest', but is nevertheless, of a very malignant character."

Just before Christmas, the *Gloucester* steamer from Bristol had a case of typhoid on board. Rumours were rife around Cardiff Docks that yellow fever was about.

The vessel was refused entry to Cardiff and sent to Penarth! Still with shipping, the *SS Swansea* sank in Penarth Dock on October 30.

All efforts to raise the ship were fruitless and so it was reported on November 24 that Penarth Dock was drained for a recovery to be made.

Somewhat surprisingly at this early date, Penarth could boast a cricket side (though I have no idea where they played).

With some indignation it was reported that on July 21 a match had been arranged with the Cardiff Blue Caps but *"they did not show – probably they had a jolly game amongst themselves"*.

But revenge was at hand, for on September 1 Penarth played the Blue Cap Club at the Cardiff Arms ground, scored 102 runs and bowled out the Blue Caps for 42.

The hosts batted again but only made 20 runs. Penarth won easily. That season Penarth recorded four wins out of five.

However, a little dig from the future capital city – regarding the opening of Penarth Dock – *"Penarth is not distant enough to be a rival port to Cardiff. We welcome her, therefore, as a new and thriving suburb."* (Cardiff Times June 9.) Hum.

Finally, a word in praise of the boys in blue (sorry no lady constables at the time). Poaching was rife so the local police had a policy of hiding in ditches around the field at all hours of the night to pounce on a poacher.

On March 24 one criminal case was reported thus – A Foreman Absconded: "William James, a foreman under Mr D Harries, superintendent foreman of Penarth Dock, absconded with about £17, which had been entrusted to him to pay the men under his direction.

"It appears that on Saturday morning, as usual, he received the money to pay the men but instead of doing so, went off to Cardiff and disappeared. The Police are on his track".

After a chase by Sergeant Adams, the culprit was chased from Cardiff to Newport and then on to London, where he was apprehended (not on foot, one hopes!) and brought back to Penarth. No mucking about eh?

On a more gruesome note – *'Shocked at infanticide – a child tied up in a silk handkerchief and nearly decomposed was picked up in the bushes near Penarth. Patrick Hallern, who found the body, immediately informed the police whence PC Evans (No 109) had the body taken to the Plymouth Hotel and placed in the loft'*.

On a lighter note a woman was caught stealing some celery at the dockside, and there was a clamour in the town for a post office.

I hope readers have enjoyed this mini series about life all those years ago. Many thanks to the library staff in Penarth and Cardiff who have helped me – not to mention the staff on The GEM!

CAMERA CLUB EXHIBITION

BARRY Camera Club's annual exhibition of members' work will run until Saturday, September 5 at the Arts Central, Barry Public Library with opening hours from 10am until 4pm.

The club meets every Friday evening from 7pm to 9.30pm at St Francis Millennium Centre, Porth-y-Castell, Barry Garden Suburb, Barry, CF62 6NX. New members of all experience and skill levels are welcome to attend with no obligation to join.

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Out and About with The GEM

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The Man from U.N.C.L.E fizzes – *but lacks impact*

IF 1998's *The Avengers* taught us anything (other than how to make a critically-derided film), it was that adapting a TV series of old for a modern day audience is a tricky proposition – do you play it straight and update it, or play it to type and go for something more akin to a spoof?

It was a thought that Guy Ritchie no doubt had before taking on directing duties for *The Man From U.N.C.L.E.*

Using the series as a launching pad, and retaining its 1960s setting, it sees American agent Napoleon Solo (Henry Cavill) being forced to team-up with Russian agent Ilya Kuryakin (Armie Hammer) as they aim to stop a villainous organization proliferate nuclear weapons; but with the agents as distrustful of each other as they are of their enemies, will they come together to save the day?

Guy Ritchie proved with his Sherlock Holmes films that he's pretty adept at conjuring up entertaining, spectacle-led mismatched buddy comedies, so making *The Man From U.N.C.L.E* should have proved little problem to the British director.

The end result is a film that fizzes, thanks to the star wattage of its leads, but can' t quite hold its own when it comes to a narrative that goes around the houses too much and lacks any real impact.

The summer blockbuster season thus far has been rich with high-quality pickings, the most impressive for several years, giving these Men quite a task to match up to what has gone before; and in leads Armie Hammer, Henry Cavill and Alicia Vikander, there is much to savour and enjoy.

With American Hammer playing Russian, English Cavill playing American and Swedish Vikander playing German, the performances could have been lost in translation, but all three performers step up to the mark admirably.

Hammer shows great restraint and straight-faced comedy as Kuryakin, in a performance that impresses while Cavill's leading man looks play well into a suave spy character that drips with charisma and cool.

Vikander's Gaby is more resourceful than your average female lead in an action film, and shows a deft hand at the comedic aspect of the performance, sharing a humorous chemistry with Kuryakin as they are thrown together by the needs of the mission.

With Elizabeth Debicki giving it full-throttle glamour puss as the villainous Victoria (even if there's not much substance behind the character) and an enjoyable extended cameo from Hugh Grant, there's little to quibble about in terms of the acting – but the real problems lie beneath.

Ritchie and Lionel Wigram's script keeps the general set-up of the TV series, and gives it a little more depth in terms of the back story. The humour comes with a nod and a wink, and plays smartly, but the actual thrust of the narrative over-complicates and is at odds with Ritchie's frothy and stylish direction.

He's always been a director with a love of flashy visuals, and here is no exception. With its Rome setting lending itself to an appropriation of the 1960s style new-wave, Ritchie takes great pleasure in jumping the story forward and then shooting back to explain itself, split screens and other devices that look great, but feel overused and distract from the story trying to be told.

There are some very clever and amusing sequences (the opening car chase, a torture session that doesn't quite pan out, a boat chase that starts out serious and then gets played for laughs); but the overall sense is of Ritchie over-egging his blockbuster pudding – and it makes it far from easy to digest.

It's a diverting and entertaining enough film, but not one that you'll come out of loving in any great way. *The Man From U.N.C.L.E.* is stylish, sophisticated and looks pretty good (and that's just the lead actors), but it feels a little too dense and overly-directed for its own good, sadly.

VERDICT: A victim of its own shortcomings, *The Man From U.N.C.L.E.* looks great but lacks the sturdiness to make for a really great blockbuster. The performances are impressive, but the plot finds itself getting bogged down too easily and Guy Ritchie's direction is sometimes too slick for its own good. *Enjoyable*.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Mission: Impossible – Rogue Nation* (2015), *Live and Let Die* (1973).

Ty Hafan lottery draw winners

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery draw number D892.

- **£2,000:** 252926.
- **The rollover, which now stands at £5,500, was not won this week.**
- **£10:** 585203, 744203, 233519, 874576, 113820, 861574, 292420, 591290, 720518, 591875, 494697, 802301, 122344, 477750, 759631, 601247, 357164, 780262, 199630, 956164.
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Shane wings in for Velindre at Pencoed RFC

WALES and British Lions legend Shane Williams will be making a rare appearance in Pencoed on October 2 to support the Velindre Cancer Centre, where he is an ambassador.

Shane scored his record-breaking 58th try for Wales with the very last touch of his international career in added time against Australia in Cardiff.

He will be taking part in Velindre's Ride the Rockies bike ride in September 2016, and is appearing at Pencoed RFC to support two of his fellow riders. After successfully completing the East Coast Bike Ride in 2014 and raising over £10,000 for Velindre, Jake Morris and Shaine Napper have organized the fundraising event for their Ride the Rockies Challenge.

At Pencoed RFC, he will be appearing at a special question and answer session following the New Zealand v Georgia World Cup match.

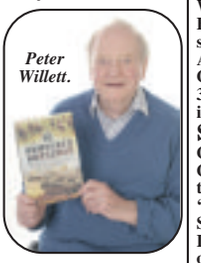
Individual tickets are £13, or tables of 10 for £120. Tickets can be purchased at Pencoed RFC or by ringing Jake on 07824 636306 or Shaine on 07513 011552.

Mayor's coffee

MAYOR of Barry, Coun Emma Pritchard, will be hosting a coffee morning on Thursday, September 3 at Ty Hapus, 163 Holton Road, Barry CF63 4HP at 10am to 12pm in aid of the charities the Mayor has chosen to support during her term of office which are Ty Hapus and MNDA (Motor Neurone Disease) Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan.

For more information contact 01446 704921, or email juliehurd@barrytowncouncil.gov.uk.

REVIEW: *Armoured Horsemen* by Brian Lee


Peter Willett.

A WELL-KNOWN and respected figure in the racing world, Peter Willett's extensive wartime service may come as a surprise to his many friends and acquaintances.

He has seldom spoken of his time with The Queen's Bays during the North African and Italian campaigns.

In this well written book, he has recorded his experiences of fighting with Eighth Army and the comradeship of regimental soldiering.

As well as satisfying the military enthusiast, the book will find a ready audience in the racing fraternity as after the war he had a long career in racing as a journalist, bloodstock consultant and administrator.

He became a member of the Jockey Club and was a director of Goodwood racecourse.

His stories of other racing journalists and trainers are something of an eye opener and the book is sure to appeal to all horse racing enthusiasts.

Armoured Horsemen by Peter Willett is published by Pen & Sword Books at £19.99.

WHAT'S ON

Advice

THE Welsh Lib-Dem regional AM for South Wales West, Peter Black, will hold a surgery on Friday, August 21 in Pyle Life Centre from 2pm to 3pm. No appointment is necessary.

Surfing lesson

CHANNEL Coast Surf Club will be running their first ever 'Introduction to Surfing' day at Llantwit Major beach on Saturday, August 22 at 2.30pm, targeted at young surfing novices. To book a place, email: channelcoastsurfclub@hotmail.com or call 07969 288224.

Charity coffee

LOCAL M&S stores are supporting the 25th anniversary of Macmillan Cancer Support's World's Biggest Coffee Morning on Friday, September 25.

From September 1, M&S customer will be able to enjoy tasty treats with 10 per cent of each sale going to Macmillan. All M&S cafes will also be donating 5p from every cup of coffee and slice of cake sold during September to Macmillan.

Limited edition home products will also be available in selected M&S homeware departments with 10 per cent of each sale going to Macmillan.

For more information on World's Biggest Coffee Morning and to get your free coffee morning kit, visit www.coffee.macmillan.org.uk or text SEPT to 70550.

Vintage tractor run

THE Ogmore Castle vintage tractor run will be held on October 4 in the Ogmore Castle field, by permission of Mr Robert Williams.

Registration of tractors will take place from 9am and the run will start at 10.30am.

All money raised will go to Macmillan Cancer Support (total raised to day £2,865).

The planned route will be: Ogmore – Southerndown – Wick – Colwinston – Llysworney – Pentre Meyrick – Corntown – Ewenny – Ogmore village.

Entries are £10 per tractor. All participants are encouraged to raise sponsorship and entry forms can be obtained from Basil George on 01656 654440 or basil@basilgeorge.com.

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London assistants on a learning curve in Bridgend county!

WESTMINSTER NOTEBOOK

Bridgend MP MADELEINE MOON writes an exclusive report from Westminster for GEM readers.

DURING elections, one of the things you hear on the doorstep is the accusation that politicians only come knocking when they want your vote.

I worked out long ago that with a constituency of around 65,000 and mainly Fridays to get out on the doorstep, I would need to meet around 500 people a week over five years to succeed in meeting everyone.

As political parties decline in numbers of members who are willing to come out and help door knock, finding new ways of reaching out to people is imperative.

I send out my This Week in Westminster round-up every Friday to a few thousand constituents. Then there are newsletters bringing updates on welfare, defence, climate change, international development and criminal justice issues when the Commons is in recess.

I've yet to have my holiday in this recess, as it's been a hectic one of visits and meetings.

Last week, I brought my two staff from Westminster down to Bridgend to spend a week getting to know the area. Each day, Matthew and Anna and I were in supermarkets or on streets doing surgeries, so they could learn the different parts of the constituencies and the main areas of concern.

It was an interesting week, not least of all seeing the different people who shopped in each store and where they came from. Mornings were in supermarkets and afternoons on doorsteps and in houses.

In talking to one of the supermarket managers, I learned of the different shopping habits of various age groups. Internet shopping is especially used by the young. Groceries are now either picked up on the way home, delivered to garages, or motorway service stations to secure lockers that are opened with a key code, or brought to the home in the evening.

Older shoppers like to see what they are buying but many also like them then delivered to the home. We could be seeing the end of the big supermarkets as more people go online to shop rather than push a trolley down the aisles.

In each of the supermarkets the surgery was different: in some, I had a constant queue of people wanting to talk to me with problems that needed resolving. In others I went from table to table chatting to people about national and local issues.

When visiting people at home during the street surgeries, most of the questions were local council issues, though there were still a few national concerns raised – such as the decline of bees, personal independence payments and the cost of flood insurance.

I asked Matthew and Anna what their lasting impressions of the visit would be: their first impression was of how green the area is. Coming from the high rise, high density of London, the open spaces and green fields of the Bridgend area were a delight.

They have seen Bridgend on maps, but until you drive between Bridgend and Kenfig Hill or Porthcawl and Coity you don't have a real picture of an area.

Car parking was raised as an issue several times and the cause of considerable distress and tension. Car parking is less of an issue in London – most people use public transport as a car is a costly liability in the centre of London, as well as being the slowest and most expensive way of moving around because of parking and congestion charges.

Coming from a multi-racial London to Bridgend, it was also a surprise to see we have only 4.6 per cent of local residents who are foreign born, which equates to just over 3,600 people.

Our unemployment is low, thanks to Welsh Assembly initiatives with only 2.5 per cent unemployment or 934 people.

Youth unemployment is slightly higher at 3.6 per cent or 230 of those 934 people. The picture of large numbers of people claiming unemployment benefit does not reflect the figures here. What we do have are 2,700 people needing to claim working tax credits because of low wages and that we need to tackle.

The week was a great success. They loved staying in Porthcawl and waking up to the sound of the sea every morning. They loved meeting with and talking to local people and have gone back to London with a deeper insight into the constituency and the issues which affect and concern people locally.

They were not surprised to find that in every surgery people wanted to ask me about the Labour leadership contest and who I was supporting. (The answer is Yvette Cooper, for those of you who don't already know).

The final big plus was getting to know the two staff in Bridgend who both live and work here all of the time.

Communication between the two offices is important and there is no better way of improving that communication than spending time together and sharing understanding of priorities and ways of tackling them.

Volunteers who help keep the county 'green'

AS part of its #MyGreenSpace campaign, BCBC is turning the spotlight on volunteers who help maintain green spaces in the county.

They conserve valuable natural habitats by getting involved in activities such as hedge laying, coppicing, dry stone walling, litter picks and general maintenance.

'Bryngarw Park Volunteer Group' supports the work of park rangers at Bryngarw Country Park. Leigh Forman, a volunteer, said: "I have been volunteering for the last six years or so and I've learnt a whole range of new skills. I've also made a lot of new friends and the volunteering is a great way to get see different parts of the county borough's varied countryside and coast."

New volunteers are always welcomed throughout the county borough. Contact www.naturalneighbourhoods.com.

The website has been created by the council, in partnership with Welsh Government, and highlights the work of the local authority's countryside team, community groups, nature groups, charities and other organisations such as the Wildlife Trust and Keep Wales Tidy.

Coun Hywel Williams, cabinet member for communities, said: "As a council, there is only so much that we can do ourselves, so it is great to see such a committed network of volunteers and groups who are so passionate about our countryside.

"Bryngarw Country Park, Maesteg Welfare Park, Ogmore Valley Priide and Wilderness Lakes in Porthcawl all have active 'Friends Groups' who work all-year-round on various volunteer activities including scrub clearance and invasive species control."

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"Competition for places is high, but there are still places available for some courses starting in September.

"Our enrolment period over the coming weeks will provide those who've yet to make their final choices with the opportunity to come along and receive advice and guidance; and to secure their place on a first come, first served basis to study at CAVC."

And there's never been a better time to join one of the largest colleges in the country. Student success rates have continued to rise, with more learners achieving their main qualification year on year. Last year, 78 per cent of learners progressed straight into further learning or employment just three months after completing their course – 750 of which progressed to university.

Cameron Patterson is just one former Cardiff and Vale College student who claimed his place at university, after getting the qualifications he needed.

Cameron said: "When I moved back from China, I had a few options in terms of where to study. After speaking with my family and hearing about the excellent quality of teaching and friendly atmosphere, as well as taking a look at the college website, I knew Cardiff and Vale College was the place for me.

"My main goal was to get into university and with the help of the tutors, as well as the large range of resources available, it has made the process a straightforward one.

"I now have a place studying a four-year MSc course in Natural Sciences at Lancaster University, one of the top ten universities in the UK."

Students looking to progress straight into employment after college are also reaping the benefits from their time at CAVC.

Bethan Gould, studies Level 3 CACHE Diploma, Children's Care Learning and Development and has already secured a job within the industry, following a successful work placement undertaken as part of her course.

Bethan explained: "I finished my GCSEs, and staying on at school to study A-Levels didn't appeal to me. I've always been interested in childcare and thought this would be the best step to take.

"Whilst I've been studying at the college, I've gained a work placement within the industry and that's led to me getting a job at a nursery. If I hadn't done this course, I wouldn't have got the job I have now.

"The staff have been fantastic here and rescheduled my lessons around my work.

"My long-term goal is to become a nursery assistant and the tutors have been so helpful in making that happen."

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TAKING THE STRESS AWAY

BACK to school can be both an expensive and stressful time for parents, particularly as children going to secondary school for the first time are asked to choose what instrument they would like to learn to play.

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Research shows that around 20 per cent of school-aged children have an undiagnosed vision problem – that's one in five children. *(Professor David Thomson, City University, London.)*

Over 90 per cent of children visit a dentist regularly, while only 53 per cent of children have ever had an eye examination. *(Johnson & Johnson, Vision Care Survey 2009.)*

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VISITORS LOVED DAY OUT AT THE VALE SHOW AND MEETING UP WITH FRIENDS

PEOPLE attend the Vale of Glamorgan Show from far and wide. Many are from the Vale, but visitors and competitors come from as far away as west Wales, Herefordshire and the west country.

As you can see from Mike Wilcock's images, it was a relaxing day, full of fun and friendship.

PHOTOGRAPHS by MIKE WILCOCK

The Vale Show proves once again it is one of south Wales' great days out

THOSE who visited this year's Vale Show agree that it was one of the busiest for many a year – thanks to the huge efforts of organisers, competitors and exhibitors.

As you can see from Glyn Evans' images, everyone, young and old, had a great day out.

PHOTOGRAPHS by GLYN EVANS

OTHER PICTURES ARE AVAILABLE FROM THIS EVENT.

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St Cyres head congratulates his students

ST CYRES A-Level students have once more performed exceptionally well in their A-Level examinations.

There were many outstanding individual achievements with 78 per cent of the school's results being at grades A* – C and the overall pass rate at 99 per cent. After record-breaking results last year, St Cyres students have yet again excelled, producing one of our best ever set of A-Level results, said a spokeswoman.

In addition, a number of year-12 students achieved major success in their AS examinations.

Dr Jonathan Hicks – headteacher – commented: "This is a fantastic way to end of first year in our new school building and is due to their own hard work, and the professionalism and dedication of our teaching staff who have supported them every step of the way.

"Our year-13 students have risen to the challenges we have set them and have achieved a superb set of results. We are incredibly proud of them and I congratulate them on their achievements and wish them well in the next stage of their lives.

"Education should be a lifelong habit and our students are now well-placed to achieve further success, both at university and in their future careers."

The Vale of Glamorgan Council

PROPOSED ROAD JUNCTION AT CROSS COMMON ROAD AND CARDIFF ROAD DINAS POWYS

NOTICE is hereby given that the Vale of Glamorgan Council as Highway Authority for Dinas Powys intends to submit a planning application for permission to create a new junction at Cross Common Road and Cardiff Road Dinas Powys in accordance with Articles 10 and 25 of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012.

Members of the Public and land owners* / Tenants** may inspect the proposals including

— the application

— the plans

— and other documents submitted with it

At the Vale of Glamorgan Council, Docks Offices Subway Road Barry during normal office hours and on line at www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk
Representations must be made to The Director of Development Services at the same address no later than Thursday 3rd September 2015.

* **"owner"** means a person having a freehold interest or a leasehold interest the unexpired term of which is not less than seven years, or, in the case of development consisting of the winning or working of minerals, a person entitled to an interest in a mineral in the land (other than oil, gas, coal, gold or silver).

** **"tenant"** means an agricultural tenant, as defined in section 65(8) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, of land any part of which is comprised in the land to which the application relates.

Statement of owners' rights

The grant of planning permission does not affect owners' rights to retain or dispose of their property, unless there is some provision to the contrary in an agreement or in a lease.

Statement of agricultural tenants' rights

The grant of planning permission for non-agricultural development may affect agricultural tenants' security of tenure.

Dated this 20th Day of August 2015

M. E. Punter
Director of Visible Services & Housing,
Vale of Glamorgan Council,
The Alps Depot,
Wenvoe. CF5 6AA.

Cyngor Bro Morgannwg 2015

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Vale of Glamorgan Agricultural Show

ROUND-UP FROM THE SHOW!

GEM staff (and Vale Show visitors) boost Marie Curie hospice...

MARIE CURIE Hospice, Cardiff and the Vale, is to receive £282 – after the GEM sales staff organised a special raffle at the Vale of Glamorgan show!

Thanks to the following local businesses for their kind donations to our raffle, and to everyone who bought a raffle ticket.

Lucky winners are printed next to their prize and contributor.

JRC Jewellery – pearl earrings, winner Viv Emmett.

Colours – £25 gift voucher, winner Mrs Davies.

Pebble, Cowbridge – £20 gift voucher, winner Miss Pullen.

Pocket Full of Presents – dried flowers, winner Sarah Sheehan.

Carne Arms – meal for two, winner Mrs Dobbs.

Jade Boutique – necklace, winner, P Hamilton.

Vic Hopkins Butchers, VFM Meat Supplier, and Food For Thought – hamper, winner Rebecca.

Frangoulis Shoe Repairs – leather wallet, winner Sophie.

Birds in A Barn – scarf, winner Mrs Thomas.

Elephant & Bun – £15 gift voucher, winner Mrs Barratt.

Jon Ian – ladies' scarf, winner Gemma Cooper.

High Street Jewellers – child's watch and teddy, winner Mrs Salter.

Pencil Case – £5 gift voucher, winner Sheila.

Beauty Within – back, neck and shoulder massage, winner Mr A Thompson.

Arboreal – lunch for two, winner A Bennett.

Hair Business – redesign haircut, winner Emma.

Norma Davies Opticians – free eye test, winner Mostyn.

Sylvia Williams – goody bag, winner Peter Davies.

Arthur John – Barbour top, winner Libby Stock.

ABOVE: Jan, Wendy and Samantha were raising funds for Marie Curie on The GEM stall at the Vale Show.

...and AM adds her support

THE Vale AM, Jane Hutt, supported Marie Curie on The GEM newspaper's stand at last week's Vale Show.

She also joined Vale Mayor Coun Fred Johnson to show their support for Slade Farm Organics' monthly meat boxes at the show.

"They are great and the bacon is amazing!" the AM commented.

The AM is pictured with Jan Irving at The GEM stall.

Visitors gain insight into war research

THE Western Front Assocation exhibited at the Vale of Glamorgan Show in a large tent with a lot of items on display – and a lot of visitors.

The display included collections of medals, both British and German, trench art and items recovered from the battlefields, as well as displays of photographs including an excellent selection of members of the Glamorgan Yeomanry – quite often ancestors of our visitors.

With the centenary of the Battle of Mametz Wood on July 7 – 11 2016, the Memorial has been refurbished and the Dragon itself repainted so it looked really great as the centrepiece of a display about the battle, the first major action of the 38th (Welsh) Division.

The WFA team, which included both our chairman and hon secretary, had a busy day talking about the war generally and the Battle of Mametz in particular, discussing how to research ancestors who served, the men who had won the medals, and how the equipment on display worked.

Our visitors, ladies, gentlemen and children, all seemed to be interested in hearing about the war.

However, it was a two-way process, as several of our visitors had researched ancestors who served and were able to tell us about them. The team all felt we had had a very successful and interesting day and hope to be back at the show next year.

The South Wales Branch meets at the Fairwater Conservative Club, Ely Road, Cardiff, at 7.30pm on the first Friday of the month.

We are always pleased to welcome visitors and new members and full details of the talks are on our branch website.

GAVIN DAVIES

Fun police presence at this year's show

THE Safer Vale Partnership was out in force at this year's Vale Agricultural Show in Fonmon Castle, Barry.

Police officers and PCSOs were there on Wednesday, August 12, to meet the thousands of visitors who attend every year to sample the best that Welsh agriculture has to showcase.

PC Sam Beaumont, from the Safer Vale Partnership, said: "The Vale Agricultural Show attracts many thousands of people to the area. It is a fantastic opportunity for us to meet people from different communities, to listen to them and offer advice."

EAT by St David's

A food lover's paradise in the heart of the city centre...

St David's Cardiff is well known for bringing the biggest and best brands to Wales.

As well as being a shopper's haven, it's also home to over 40 restaurants and cafes, with something to suit all tastes.

It's not just a place to grab a sandwich and coffee, think speciality burritos from the newly opened Barburrito, American-style service at Ed's Easy Diner, Tokyo Teriyaki tastes from Mount Fuji restaurant, over twenty delicious flavours of Gelato from Joe Delucci's and a Treetop Adventure Golf café – perfect for relaxing when the little ones play during the summer holidays.

If you're making an evening of it, St David's is unrivalled in its selection of restaurants. You can enjoy Italian flavours in an alfresco setting at Jamie's Italian, the very best of Mexican street eating at Wahaca, or a tempting range of tapas and cocktails at The Cosy Club.

To celebrate all things food, St David's has launched Eat Club, a new interactive community packed full of the latest food and drink news, exclusive offers and competitions from across the restaurants and cafes at St David's.

Everyone that signs up will receive full access to top tips and interviews from celebrity chefs, along with recipe ideas straight from restaurants in the centre to try at home.

The monthly Eat club e-newsletter features invites to special events as well as offers from some of Cardiff's most popular eating and drinking spots.

To sign up to Eat Club, head to **www.stdavidscardiff.com/eat** today.
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Daredevil cyclists, scary rides – *and even giant vegetables* – all at the Vale of Glamorgan Show!

THERE was one complaint at this year's Vale Show – just not enough time to see everything in one day!

With so many aspects of rural life on display, there was always something fascinating just around the corner.

The tented areas were busy all day long, as show-goers sought out the very best in local produce, crafts and services!

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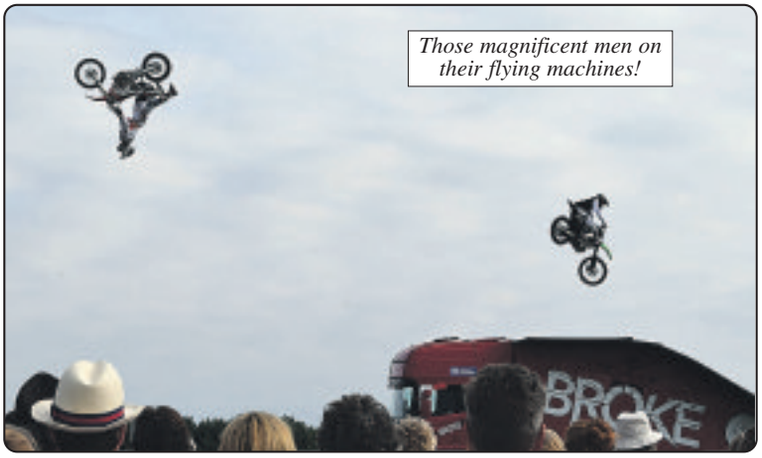
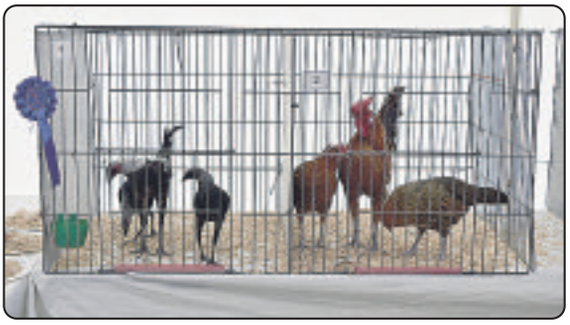


Those magnificent men on their flying machines!

LEFT: The Mayor of Llantwit Major, Coun Tricia Lancaster, with her husband Derek.

The Mayor of Cowbridge, Coun Dave Morris, with consort Lorraine Pointon-Bell and Andrew RT Davies AM.

ABOVE: Philip Vowles with a giant marrow!



BEEF, CATTLE AND FARMING RESULTS FROM THIS YEAR'S VALE OF GLAMORGAN SHOW

ANY PURE BEEF BREED OTHER THAN LIMOUSIN: CLASS 1 Bull born on or before 31.12.2012: 1st 182 VJ THOMAS & SON, PANCROSS FARM, LLANCARFAN.
CLASS 2: Bull born on or after 01.01.13: 1st RHYS MILLICHAP, RHIW GARN FARM, TONYREFAIL; 2nd 3 RHYS MILLICHAP; 3rd 4 RHYS MILLICHAP; 4th 5 SW PEGINGTON, NANT Y GELLI FARM, LLANGWM, USK.
CLASS 3: Cow or heifer or with calf at foot or cow in calf: NO ENTRIES.
CLASS 4: Heifer in calf: 1st 9 RHYS MILLICHAP; 2nd 10 SW PEGINGTON.
CLASS 5: Maiden heifer: 1st 13ARWYN PRICHARD, VIANS HILL FARM, ST NICHOLAS; 2nd 11 GARY WILLIAM LOVERING; 3rd 12 GARY WILLIAM LOVERING.
CLASS 6: Pair owned by the same exhibitor: 1st 15 RHYS MILLICHAP; 2nd17 SW PEGINGTON; 3rd 16 RHYS MILLICHAP; 4th 181 GARY WILLIAM LOVERING.
THE PETER WOOD AND SONS PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP FOR THE BEST EXHIBIT IN THE ANY OTHER BEEF BREED CLASSES.
1c: Winner 9 RHYS MILLICHAP; 13 ARWYN PRICHARD.
THE MISS ELLEN THOMAS PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP FOR THE BEST HEREFORD EXHIBIT
Winner 13 ARWYN PRICHARD.
LIMOUSIN: CLASS 7: Bull born on or before 31.12.12: 1st 18 GARETH JENKINS, TY NEWYDD FARM, GROES FAEN.
CLASS 8 Bull born on or after 01.01.13: 1st 19 PJ &S EDWARDS, TY DRAW FARM, GELLIWION RD, MAESYCOED, PONTYPRIDD; 2nd 21 GARETH JENKINS.
CLASS 9: Cow or heifer with calf at foot or cow in calf: 1st 23 GARETH JENKINS; 2nd 132 E & N PHILLIPS, BLACKMEADOWS, LLANTILIO CROSSENNY, ABERGAVENNY.
CLASS 10: Heifer in calf: 1st 133 E & N PHILLIPS, BLACKMEADOWS, LLANTILIO CROSSENNY, ABERGAVENNY; 2nd 22 GARETH JENKINS.
CLASS 11: Maiden heifer:1st 25 LM HOWELLS, GELLI FARM, CYMMER; 2nd 183 GARETH JENKINS.
CLASS 12: Pair owned by the same exhibitor: 1st 27 GARETH JENKINS; 2nd 134 E & N PHILLIPS; 3rd 27a GARETH JENKINS.
The M. T. BOARD CUP for the best pair of Limousin cattle: 3c Winner 27, GARETH JENKINS.
ARTHUR JOHN AND CO. PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP FOR THE BEST EXHIBIT IN THE LIMOUSIN CLASSES
4c Overall Champion in the Limousin section: Champ 23 GARETH JENKINS; Res 25 LM HOWELLS.
CHAMPIONSHIPS: Best Pair of Inter-breed Beef cattle owned by the same exhibitor (winner of classes 6 and 12)
THE DALGETY ROSFIELD CUP for the BEST PAIR OF BEEF CATTLE: 5c Winner RHYS MILLICHAP.
Interbreed beef championship (to be competed for by the champion of both beef sections)
THE HERBERT R. THOMAS CUP for the BEST EXHIBIT IN ALL THE BEEF CLASSES: 6c Winner 23 GARETH JENKINS; Reserve RHYS MILLICHAP.
Beef Championships; Overall Limousin champion: Champion, GARETH JENKINS; Reserve LM HOWELLS.
Overall any breed Champion: Champion GARETH JENKINS; Reserve RHYS MILLICHAP.
Interbreed Beef Champion: Champion GARETH JENKINS; Reserve RHYS MILLICHAP.
Best pair Interbreed: Champion RHYS MILLICHAP; Reserve GARETH JENKINS.
HOLSTEIN CLASSES:
CLASS 13: Calf under 12 months on day of show: 1st 36 VJ THOMAS & SON; 2nd 39 TYRYWEN HOLSTEINS, MAESYCWMMER; 3rd 184 KEVIN RICKARD & SIAN WEBBER, CASTLE FARM, BISHTON.
CLASS 14: Maiden heifer over 12 and under 18 months on day of show: 1st 50 KEVIN RICKARD and SIAN WEBBER; 2nd 49 TYRYWEN HOLSTEINS.
MERVYN THOMAS DROS Y MOR PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY: Winner 50 KEVIN RICKARD and SIAN WEBBER.
CLASS 15: Heifer in calf, to calve, no older than 36 months: 1st 56 CLIVE THOMAS, DROS Y MOR, LLANTWIT MAJOR; 2nd 59 KEVIN RICKARD & SIAN WEBBER; 3rd 57 VJ THOMAS & SON; 4th 60 E READER & SONS, GOLDSLAND FARM, WENVOE.
CLASS 16: Cow in calf but not in milk – any age: 1st 64 R & M LOUGHER & SONS, TY TANGLWYST FARM, PYLE; 2nd 62 VJ THOMAS & SON.
CLASS 17: Heifer in milk; 1st 130 JACK WATTS, TYN Y CWM FARM, BEDWAS; 2nd 66 VJ THOMAS & SON; 3rd 67 E READER & SONS; 4th 68 R & M LOUGHER & SONS.
THE LADBROOKE (BRIDGEND CREAMERY) CHALLENGE SHIELD: Winner 130 JACK WATTS.
CLASS 18: Junior cow in milk (2nd/3rd lactation only): 1st 71 VJ THOMAS & SON; 2nd 75 WILL TUCKER, STONEAWAY, HORTON, GOWER; 3rd 72 R & M LOUGHER & SONS; 4th 70 VJ THOMAS & SON.
CLASS 19: Senior cow in milk (4th lacation and above): 1st 78 R & M LOUGHER & SONS; 2nd 76 VJ THOMAS & SON; 3rd 77 VJ THOMAS & SON.
GOLDEN VALE DAIRIES CUP: Winner 78 R & M LOUGHER & SONS.
In milk champion (eligible from classes 17, 18 and 19): Champion 130 JACK WATTS; Reserve 76 VJ THOMAS & SON.
THE GLYNNE CLAY PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP FOR THE BEST EXHIBIT IN THE HOLSTEIN CLASSES: Winner 130 JACK WATTS.
CLASS 20: Group of 8 in calf Holstein heifers to be judged on the farm, at least three weeks prior to the show:1st VJ THOMAS & SON; 2nd H D HANKS & SON, TY CANOL FARM, LLANTRITHYD; 3rd R & M LOUGHER & SONS; 4th CLIVE THOMAS.
WILLIAMS & GLYNNE CUP: Winner VJ THOMAS & SON.
ANY OTHER PURE DAIRY BREED:
CLASS 21: Maiden heifer any breed other than Holstein: 1st 85 KEVIN RICKARD & SIAN WEBBER; 2nd 82 RP & KJ GRANVILLE, GELLI FARM, CEFN CRIBBWR, BRIDGEND; 3rd 87 E READER & SONS.
CLASS 21A: Heifer in calf, to calve no older than 36 months: 1st 185 KEVIN RICKARD & SIAN WEBBER; 2nd 186 RP & KJ GRANVILLE.
CLASS 22: Dairy Cow. Any breed other than Holstein: 1st 92 E READER & SONS; 2nd 93 E READER & SONS; 3rd 89 RP & KJ GRANVILLE.
RICHARD TAYLOR PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP: Winner 92 E READER & SONS.
CLASS 23: Heifer in milk. Any breed other than Holstein: 1st 94 RP & KJ GRANVILLE.
Any other pure dairy Breed Championship Champion: 92 E READER & SONS; Reserve 85 KEVIN RICKARD & SIAN WEBBER.
THE G.A.H SAMUEL MEMORIAL PERPETUAL CHALLENGE BOWL FOR THE WINNER OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP: Winner 92 E READER & SONS.
CLASS 24: Interbreed production and inspection class (NMR & CIS): 1st 95 VJ THOMAS & SON; 2nd 96 R & M LOUGHER & SONS.
THE SPILLERS PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP: Winner 95 VJ THOMAS & SON.
CLASS 25: Best pair of dairy females, owned and shown by the same exhibitor: 1st 100 VJ THOMAS & SON; 2nd 101 KEVIN RICKARD & SIAN WEBBER; 3rd 188 R & M LOUGHER & SONS.
BILL FRANCIS MEMORIAL CHALLENGE TROPHY FOR THE BEST PAIR OF DAIRY FEMALES: Winner 100 VJ THOMAS & SON.
CLASS 26: Group of three dairy cattle, owned and shown by the same exhibitor: 1st 105 VJ THOMAS & SON; 2nd 189 R & M LOUGHER; 3rd E READER & SONS.
THE CORPORATION OF COWBRIDGE PERPETUAL CHALLENGE BOWL FOR THE BEST GROUP OF DAIRY CATTLE: Winner 105 VJ THOMAS & SON.
Overall Dairy Championships: Calf Champion Points: Champion KEVIN RICKARD & SIAN WEBBER; Reserve VJ THOMAS & SON.
Champion Heifer in milk: Champion: JACK WATTS; Reserve VJ THOMAS & SON.
Champion Cow in milk: Champion VJ THOMAS & SON; Reserve R & M LOUGHER & SONS.
Best pair Dairy females - Class 25: Champion VJ THOMAS & SON; Reserve KEVIN RICKARD & SIAN WEBBER
THE TJ YORWERTH MEMORIAL PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP FOR THE BEST DAIRY COW OR HEIFER IN THE SHOW: Winner JACK WATTS; Reserve VJ THOMAS & SON.
CALF HANDLING: CLASS 27: 12 and under on the day of the show calf 12 months and under – any breed: 1st 115 TYRYWEN HOLSTEINS; 2nd 114 VJ THOMAS & SON; 3rd 116 E READER & SONS; 4th WILLIAM WALTERS, MAES WARD, BONVILSTON.
THE GLAMORGAN FARM SUPPLIES TROPHY: Winner 115 TYRYWEN HOLSTEINS.
CLASS 28:13-18 on the day of the Show. Calf 12 months and under – any breed: 1st 122 KEVIN RICKARD & SIAN WEBBER; 2nd 123 KEVIN RICKARD & SIAN WEBBER; 3rd 118 RP & KJ GRANVILLE; 4th 120 TYRYWEN HOLSTEINS;
THE P.J LLEWELLYN PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP: Winner 122 KEVIN RICKARD & SIAN WEBBER.
CLASS 29: 19-26 on the day of the Show. Calf 18 months and under – any breed: 126 RP & KJ GRANVILLE; 127 VJ THOMAS & SON; 128 SAM WILLIAMS, ST BRIDES MAJOR; 1st 126 RP & KJ GRANVILLE; 2nd 127 VJ THOMAS & SON; 3rd E READER.
THE WJ BASSETT PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY: Winner 126 RP & KJ GRANVILLE.
Overall Cattle winner
THE WYNDHAM IVOR RADCLIFFE MEMORIAL PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP FOR THE BEST EXHIBITOR IN THE CATTLE CLASSES: Winner 127 VJ THOMAS & SON; Res R.MILLCHAP; G.JENKINS.
GRASS SILAGE CLASSES:
CLASS 124:For the Best Clamp of Silage: 1st LYNDON JOSEPH, MOUNT PLEASANT FARM, STORMY DOWN; 2nd O.ANTSEY & SON, TY FRY FARM, PENDOYLAN; 3rd VJ. THOMAS & SON; 4th H.D. HANKS & SON.
THE MAJOR FRANK HOMFRAY PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP: 2d Winner LYNDON JOSEPH.
CLASS 125: For the Best Bag of Silage: 1st T.W. JARVIS & SON, GELLI GOL FARM, LLANSANNOR; 2nd R&L. ANTHONY, TYTHEGSTON FARM, BRIDGEND; 3rd T.D. LLEWELLYN & SON, OLDBEAUPRE FARM, ST HILARY; 4th P.C. THOMAS & SON, SPLOTT FARM, WICK.
FRED WILLIAMS MEMORIAL CUP: 3d Winner T.W. JARVIS & SON.
LEY CLASSES:
CLASS 126: Long Term Ley - 3 or more seasons: 1st GARETH REES, WRINSTONE FARM, WENVOE; 2nd E.H. RADCLIFFE & SON, PENMARK PLACE, PENMARK; 3rd LYNDON JOSEPH; 4th I.G. JEFFRIES & SON, EAST MONKTON FARM, WICK.
THE GEORGE GIBSON PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP FOR THE BEST 4d LONG TERM LEY: Winner GARETH REES.
CLASS 127: Short Term Ley - 1 or 2 seasons (to include Italian Rye Grass): 1st E.H. RADCLIFFE & SON; 2nd G ANTHONY & SON, HAREGROVE FARM, LALESTON; 3rd R&L. ANTHONY, TYTHEGSTON FARM, BRIDGEND; 4th JACK EVANS & SON, MARCROSS FARM, MARCROSS.
THE PENLLYNE CRICKET CLUB PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP: 5d Winner E.H. RADCLIFFE & SON.
COMBINABLE CROP CLASSES:
CLASS 128: Best Field of Winter Barley: 1st G.MORGAN & SON, VILLAGE HOUSE, MARCROSS; 2nd G.ANTHONY & SON; 3rd JOHN LEWIS, TY FRY, ST GEORGES; 4th R.S. THOMAS & SON, SUTTON NEWYDD FARM, WICK.
THE EVAN CROOK MEMORIAL CUP: 6d Winner G.MORGAN & SON, VILLAGE HOUSE, MARCROSS.
CLASS 129: Best Field of Winter Oats: 1st E.H. RADCLIFFE & SON; 2nd R.J. THOMAS & SON, GILESTON FARM, ST ATHAN.
JAMES JAMES JP MEMORIAL CHALLENGE TROPHY 7d: Winner E.H. RADCLIFFE & SON.
CLASS 130: Best Field of Winter Wheat: 1st R&L. ANTHONY; 2nd E.H. RADCLIFFE & SON; 3rd W.D. JAMES & SON, THE GRANGE, WICK; 4th V.J. THOMAS.
THE W.D JAMES MEMORIAL PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY 8d: Winner R&L. ANTHONY.
CLASS 131: Best Field of Spring Barley: 1st D.ANTHONY & SON, CWM RISCA FARM, LALESTON; 2nd GRAHAM DAVID, NORTON HALL FARM, ST. BRIDES MAJOR; 3rd T.W. JARVIS & SON, GELLI GOL FARM, LLANSANNOR; 4th DAVID WILLIAMS BRIGHAM FARM, LLANHARRY.
VALE SHOW PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP 9d: Winner D.ANTHONY & SON, CWM RISCA FARM, LALESTON.
CLASS 132: The Best Winter Oilseed Crop: 1st R&L. ANTHONY; 2nd W.D. JAMES & SON, THE GRANGE, WICK; 3rd E.H. RADCLIFFE & SON, PENMARK PLACE, PENMARK; 4th P.C. THOMAS & SON, SPLOTT FARM, WICK.
GWYN JERVIS PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP 10d: Winner R&L. ANTHONY.
CLASS 133: Best Field of Beans: NO ENTRIES.
THE ROBERT MORGAN PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP 11d: NO ENTRIES.
CLASS 134: Best Field of Spring Oats: NO ENTRIES.
CLASS 135:Best Field of Spring Wheat: NO ENTRIES.
THE ROBERT THOMAS MEMORIAL PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP: 12d: Winner: EH RADCLIFFE & SON; 2nd R&L. ANTHONY; 3rd W.D. JAMES & SON.
MAIZE CLASSES:
CLASS 136: Best Field of Maize: 1st R&L. ANTHONY; 2nd V.J. THOMAS & SON;3rd WILLIAM WALTERS, MAESYWARD FARM, BONVILSTON; 4th R.J. LOUGHER & SON.
THE A R THOMAS PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP FOR THE BEST MAIZE CROP: 13d Winner R&L. ANTHONY.
CLASS 137: Best Clamp of Maize Silage: 1st V.J. THOMAS & SON; 2nd WILLIAM WALTERS; 3rd R&L. ANTHONY; 4th JACK EVANS & SON.
GROWING ROOT CROP CLASSES:
CLASS 138 One Acre of Potatoes: 1st GWYN REES, WRINSTONE FARM, WENVOE; 2nd RHODRI DAVIES, ROSEDEW FARM, LLANTWIT MAJOR; 3rd R.E. LEWIS, TY FRY FARM, ST GEORGES.
LLANCARFAN PLOUGHING MATCH SOCIETY PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP: 14d Winner GWYN REES, WRINSTONE FARM, WENVOE.
THE VIVIAN THOMAS PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY FOR MOST POINTS IN THE AGRICULTURAL SECTION: Winner Class 139: Bale of Seed Hay: 1st Noel Thomas; 2nd Tudor Harris.
Class 140: Bale of Meadow Hay: 1st Tudor Harris; 2nd Jones Pencoed; 3rd Jones Pencoed.
Class 141: Group of 10 Potatoes: 1st Rhodri Davies
Class 142: 10 kilos Wheat: 1st Radcliffe, Penmark; 2nd R & L Anthony; 3rd Thomas, Gilestone; 4th James, Wick.
Class 143: 10 kilos Oats; 1st Thomas, Gilestone; 2nd Radcliffe, Penmark; 3rd James, Wick.
Class 144: 10 kilos Barley: 1st Lewis, Ty Fry; 2nd Thomas, Gilestone; 3rd James, Wick; 4th Radcliffe, Penmark.
TRADE EXHIBITS
CLASS 1: Best Trade Stand mainly supplying goods and services to the Agricultural Industry: 1st Frank Sutton; 2nd Rob Edwards; 3rd J G Plant.
THE EDWARD JOHN MEMORIAL CUP: Winner Frank Sutton.
CLASS 2: Best Trade Stand supplying goods and services to the general public and not included in Class 1: 1st Food Court; 2nd Ashdown Mike Gillian; 3rd NFU.
THE GALE MARTIN MEMORIAL PERPETUAL TROPHY:
Winner: Food Court
CLASS 3: Best Trade Stand exhibiting in the Craft Fair Marquee: 1st Mirande Bowen; 2nd Tracy Barker; 3rd Shore Things UK.
RIDDEN HUNTERS
CLASS 74: Small Hunter, Mare or Gelding, four years old or over: 1st 502 MISS RACHEL THOMAS *SHEERKHAN;* 2nd 503 MATT MCGIVERN *KILCANNON KIT KAT.*
THE PRINCIPALITY BUILDING SOCIETY PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP: Winner 502 MISS RACHEL THOMAS *SHEERKHAN*.
CLASS 75: Lightweight Hunter, Mare or Gelding, four years old or over, capable of carrying 12 stone 7lbs and under: 1st 507 MRS ROSE MORGAN *TIMPANY THOMAS;* 2nd 506 JOANNA ROWE *ZAGARTO;* 3rd 511 MR & MRS WP BOWDLER *SUTTON PLACE;* 4th 508 MRS SARA JONES *MARVELLOUS MARTY.*
CLASS 76: Middleweight Hunter, Mare or Gelding, four years old or over, capable of carrying 12 stone 7lbs not exceeding 14 stone: 1st 520 AMY WILLIAMS *BECAUSE YOUR WORTH IT;* 2nd 516 RD REES *DAVID*; 3rd 519 RHIANNON THOMAS *IN FULL CRY*; 4th 517 SCOTT CUSHION *PENLUVE MAGICAL MOMENTS*.
CLASS 77: Heavyweight Hunter, Mare or Gelding, four years old or over, capable of carrying 14 stone and over: 1st 522 MRS WJ GIBSON & MISS EMMA GIBSON *ACTION T* 2nd 521 MISS SIAN DAVID *GENERAL LAW;* 3rd *CHAMPION*.

EQUINE AND SHEEP RESULTS FROM THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN SHOW AT FONMON

THE CLASSIC WINDOWS PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY: Winner 507 MRS ROSE MORGAN *TIMPANY THOMAS;* rev 506 JOANNA ROWE *ZAGARTO*.
UNAFFILIATED HUNTER CLASSES
CLASS 78: 1st 526 MRS SARA JONES *MARVELLOUS MARTY;* 2nd 537 RHIANNON THOMAS *IN FULL CRY;* 3rd 583 ELEANOR WOODFIELD *HOGAN;* 4th 534 MR JAMES FORD *SUNNY DAY.*
THE DAN RADCLIFFE PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP: Winner 526 MRS SARA JONES *MARVELLOUS MARTY.*
CLASS 79: Open Working Hunter, four years old and over exceeding 148cms:1st 501 *JOLI SMITH*; 2nd 548 RHIANNON THOMAS *IN FULL CRY.*
THE BRIDGEND GLAZING AND SILVERING CO LTD PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY: Winner 501 *JOLI SMITH*.
RETRAINING OF RACEHORSES
CLASS 80: The Tattersalls and RoR Thoroughbred Ridden Show Horse Class: 1st 551 MRS M THOMAS *TOSEAKY*; 2nd 748 VA BERTORELLI *MAINTAIN FAIRY;* 3rd 559 BETHANY JARVIS *FREDDIE LANE;* 4th 557 ANGELA CLARKE *ALFABET SOUK*.
LOUISE BIRKETT COMMEMORATIVE CUP: Winner 551 MRS M THOMAS *TOSEAKY.*
CLASS 81: The Re-Trained Racehorse Challenge: 1st 574 MRS SUE ARMITAGE *FLYING VIC*; 2nd 567 MRS MARGARET JOHNS *BILLYBO;* 3rd 571 RHIANYDD LEE JONES *SYMPHONY OF STARS*; 4th 569 ANGELA CLARKE *ALFABET SOUK*.
THE LATE THOMAS JENKINS PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP: Winner 574 MRS SUE ARMITAGE *FLYING VIC*.
SIDE SADDLE CLASS 82: Ladies Side Saddle: 1st 576 SOPHIE TRANTER *SPRING TO MIND;* 2nd 575 AMANDA DAVIES *BEECHPARK MOLLY;* 3rd 579 TANA GUEST *HARRY;* 4th 577 MRS PA YEOMAN *BONDLEIGH SEREN FACH*.
THE GREAT HOUSE PERPETUAL CHALLENGE VASE TO THE WINNER OF THE LADIES SIDE SADDLE: Winner 576 SOPHIE TRANTER *SPRING TO MIND*.
RIDING HORSES and COBS:
CLASS 83: Open Riding Horse: 1st 584 VICTORIA PIPER *PRIMITIVE SHADOW;* 2nd 581 JOANNA ROWE *ZAGARTO;* 3rd 749 VA BERTORELLI *CHAKRAVATI;* 4th 580 CHELSEA THOMAS *SWIFTS MAYFLOWER*.
THE JOHN & SARAH CORY PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP: Winner 584 VICTORIA PIPER *PRIMITIVE SHADOW.*
CLASS 84: Open Cob, Mare or Gelding, four years old and over: 1st 591 HAYLEY GILL *TRUE COLOURS;* 2nd 593 DR B.M. LEWIS *ALCAPONE II;* 3rd 598 MRS ADELE BEYNON *PEMBROKE FERRYMAN;* 4th 596 RICHARD PRICE *DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH*.
THE MR & MRS CHRISTOPHER CORY PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY FOR THE BEST RIDDEN COB: Winner 591 HAYLEY GILL *TRUE COLOURS*.
CHILDREN'S RIDING PONIES
CLASS 85: "Leading Rein Pony, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over. Not exceeding 122cms. Rider not to have attained their 8th birthday before 1st Jan in the current year.: 1st 600 SUE PEMBRIDGE *GJ'S LYRK*.
THE PRINCE OF WALES INVESTITURE PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP – BEST LEADING REIN PONY: Winner 600 SUE PEMBRIDGE *GJ'S LYRK*.
CLASS 86: NO ENTRIES.
THE PETER THOMAS MEMORIAL CUP WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE WINNER OF CLASS 76: Winner NO ENTRIES.
THE MENAI PRINCE CHARMING PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY FOR THE WINNER OF THE MINI SHOW PONY CHAMPIONSHIP: Winner 600 SUE PEMBRIDGE *GJ'S LYRK*.
WORKING HUNTER PONIES
CLASS 87: The BSPS Mixed Height Novice Working Hunter Ponies: 1st 605 ANNE TUDOR *CLEMENSTONE JIVE;* 2nd 601 MRS M THOMAS *GOLDENGROVE ALACAZAR;* 3rd 602 MISS JOSIE DIX *MOLLY.*
THE SNAFFLES PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY: Winner 605 ANNE TUDOR *CLEMENSTONE JIVE*.
CLASS 88: The BSPS Mixed Height Open Working Hunter Ponies: 1st 609 MRS PAT FAULKNER *KILMORE PRINCE CHARMING;* 2nd 611 LISA GARDNER *BRILLVIEW QUELLE SURPRISE;* 3rd 610 ANNE TUDOR *CLEMENSTONE JIVE*.
THE GLAMORGAN GEM PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY: Winner 609 MRS PAT FAULKNER *KILMORE PRINCE CHARMING;* reserve 611 LISA GARDNER *BRILLVIEW QUELLE SURPRISE*.
MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND PONIES
CLASS 89
Mountain & Moorland Open Heritage Lead Rein mare or gelding, 4 years old and over, not exceeding 122cm: 1st 615 J DAVIES *GLEBEDALE ABIGAIL:* 2nd 612 MRS PAT FAULKNER *CEFNGUREDD SIONI:* 3rd 618 RHIANNON JONES *WAXWING MINI MOUSE*.
MT MORGAN CUP PRESENTED TO THE WINNER OF CLASS 79
Winner 615 J DAVIES *GLEBEDALE ABIGAIL;* Reserve 612 MRS PAT FAULKNER *CEFNGUREDD SIONI*.
CLASS 90
Mountain & Moorland Open Heritage First Ridden Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over, not exceeding 128cm:1st 619 MRS PAT FAULKNER *HOPE GHOSTS LITTLE BOY*.
MRS G R LEWIS CHALLENGE CUP - WINNER OF CHAMPIONSHIP
Champ 631 J DAVIES *HAFODYRYNYS BRAVEHEART;* Reserve 625 MRS PAT FAULKNER *HOPE GHOSTS LITTLE BOY.*
CLASS 91
BSPS Heritage Mountain & Moorland Open Ridden Class. Registered pure bred Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland and Welsh Section A ponies 4 years old or over:1st 621 MR AND MRS P MORGAN *TORFIELDS COPPER COIN*.
CLASS 92
BSPS Heritage Mountain & Moorland Open Ridden Class. Registered pure bred Welsh Section B & C ponies 4 years old or over:1st 625 MRS PAT FAULKNER *HOPE GHOSTS LITTLE BOY*; 2nd 622 MISS LUCY LLEWELLYN *PLASDELYN PHOENIX*; 3rd 626 MR JAMES *FORD GIGMAN ALMAZZ*; 4th 623 MRS M THOMAS *GIGMAN BOY GEORGE*.
CLASS 93
BSPS Heritage Mountain & Moorland Open Ridden Class. Registered pure bred New Forest and Connemara ponies 4 years old or over :1st 631 J DAVIES *HAFODYRYNYS BRAVEHEART*; 2nd 632 TANIA MATTHEWS *PARCFYNNON THE STEELMAN;* 3rd 746.
CLASS 94
BSPS Heritage Mountain & Moorland Open Ridden Class. Registered pure bred New Forest and Connemara poines 4 years old or over: 1st 634 LORRY DAVIES *BEECH HILL ARTHUR*.
CLASS 95
BSPS Heritage Mountain & Moorland Open Ridden Class. Registered pure bred Fells, Dales, Highlands and Welsh Section D ponies 4 years old or over: 1st 635 MRS C BRADSHAW *LOWHOUSES GEORGE*.
CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS 96
BSPS Heritage Mountain & Moorland Open Working Hunter Pony. Registered pure bred ponies 4 years old or over not exceeding 122cms:1st Eliminated; 2nd Eliminated.
CLASS 97
BSPS Heritage Mountain & Moorland Open Working Hunter Pony. Registered pure bred ponies 4 years old or over exceeding 122cms but not exceeding 133cms: 1st 639 MR JAMES FORD *GIGMAN ALMAZZ.*
CLASS 98
BSPS Heritage Mountain & Moorland Open Working Hunter Pony. Registered pure bred ponies 4 years old or over exceeding 133cms. but not exceeding 143cms: 1st 640 DR BM LEWIS *SWCHYRHAFOD SAMSON*; 2nd 642 SUSAN BISHOP *PENTYPARC GERRAD*; 3rd 643 ALISON SALTER *CAEMANSEL BRIGHT SPARK*.
CLASS 99
BSPS Heritage Mountain & Moorland Open Working Hunter Pony. Registered pure bred ponies 4 years old or over exceeding 143cms: 1st 645 LORRY DAVIES *BEECH HILL ARTHUR*; 2nd 646 SERENA JAMES *DOLEBOLION OUTLAW*.
CHAMPIONSHIP
J PENDOCK PORTER PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP:
CHAMP 640 DR BM LEWIS *SWCHYRHAFOD SAMSON;* Res 646 SERENA JAMES *DOLEBOLION OUTLAW*.
COLOURED CLASSES
CLASS 100
Open Youngstock Qualifier. 1, 2 or 3 year olds. No foals: 1st 647 NICOLA BROWN *RUBY'S LASS*.
THE SUMMERHAZE PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP: Winner 647 NICOLA BROWN *RUBY'S LASS*.
CLASS 101
Open In-hand Qualifier. Any height, age or type. No foals:1st 655 LORNA MORGAN *BILL-I-AM*; 2nd 649 NATALIE BARRATT *CAMMARCH BAHAMA MAMA*; 3rd 656 HEIDI DUTTON *SPIRIT*; 4th 652 CERI TONKINSON *GLASCOED DANIEL*.
CLASS 102
Open Ridden Qualifier. Any type, any height: 1st 662 JACKIE WILLIAMS *ABBEYLANDS PICASSO*.
THE DOOBIE TROPHY
UNDER 18: Winner 604 CLAIRE BROWN
CHAMPIONSHIP
Champ 602 JACKIE WILLIAMS; Res 661 HAYLEY GILL.
PERPETUAL CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY
PRESENTED BY M & S CUDDY: Winner 602 JACKIE WILLIAMS.
WELSH MOUNTAIN PONIES Section A
CLASS 103 Welsh Mountain Pony Yearling: 1st 671 OWEN FAMILY *BRYNRODYN GRYFFINDOR;* 2nd 668 COBLEY FAMILY *TRYFEL ROYAL ROSE*; 3rd 674 DAVID HUW FRANCISCEFN *GORWYDD MAGGIE MAY*; 4th 669 MISS A JERBO & MR P LOWNDES *PHILPMENA OF OLANDIA*.
CLASS 104
Welsh Mountain Pony, 2 or 3 years old: 1st 675 COBLEY FAMILY *TRYFEL THUMBELINA*; 2nd 681 DR WYNNE DAVIES & MR DAVID DAVIES *CEULAN CEIRRIOS*; 3rd 678 P & J RUSSELL *ROSMARCHE COWSLIP*; 4th 676 WH WALTERS *ZONNEWEIDE DIAMOND JUBILLEE*.
CLASS 105
Novice Welsh Mountain Pony brood mare 4 years old or over that has never won a first prize in a brood mare class: 1st 668 COBLEY FAMILY *TRYFEL ROYAL ROSE*; 2nd 686 MR &MRS R DONATI *CEULAN LILLY*; 3rd 687 S & M COULTHARD *LLANFRECHFA VALENTINE*; 4th 685 LEAANN MULLEN *TYRCOEDS CHILLI*.
CLASS 106
Welsh Mountain Pony, mare or gelding, 4 years old or over:1st 694 OWEN FAMILY *CRUMPWELL BLUE VIOLET*; 2nd 692 LEEANN MULLEN *TYRCOEDS CHILLI*; 3rd 695 DAVID HUW FRANCIS *CEFN GORWYDD GRACIE*; 4th 691 KELLY WESTALL *MONNOW CARYS*.
CLASS 107
Welsh Mountain Pony Foal: 1st 698 S & M COULTHARD *LLANFRECHFA VALENTINE*; 2nd 697 MR &MRS R DONATI *MILWAS LADY LLINOS*.
CLASS 108
Welsh Mountain Pony stallion, 4 years old or over: 1st 701 K & J SHEIL; 2nd 725 MRS S SMITH *CAEBANADL BOSEY*; 3rd 702 MISS C BRIMFIELD & MR E BATH *RUNSHAW LLEWELLYN*.
THE BRYNHEULOG PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP. GIVEN BY THE LATE MRS MATTHEW WILLIAMS FOR BEST WELSH MOUNTIAN PONY MARE: Winner 694 OWEN FAMILY *CRUMPWELL BLUE VIOLET*.
THE WELSH PONY & COB SOCIETY MEDAL TO THE CHAMPION & PENLLYN CHALLENGE TROPHY FOR THE BEST ANIMAL IN SECTION A CLASSES: Champ 694 OWEN FAMILY *CRUMPWELL BLUE VIOLET;* Res 675 COBLEY FAMILY *TRYFEL THUMBELINA*.
THE LYNDON EVANS MEMORIAL TROPHY FOR THE BEST WELSH MOUNTAIN PONY 3 YEARS OLD OR YOUNGER: Winner 675 COBLEY FAMILY *TRYFEL THUMBELINA*.
WELSH PONIES Section B
CLASS 109
Welsh Pony Yearling:no entries
CLASS 110
Welsh Pony, 2 or 3 years old: 1st 707 P & J RUSSELL *BRYNGWENNOL RUBY TUESDAY;* 2nd 709 MRS S J EASTON *GIGMAN CELESTE*; 3rd 705 DI & P SELLICK *RHYDYGRUG VERBENA*.
CLASS 111
Welsh Pony, Mare or Gelding 4 years old or over: 1st 712 JESSICA PRICE *THISTLEDOWN ARCTIC FOX;* 2nd 715 FIONA LEADBITTER *THORNBERRY ARBENIG*; 3rd 710 WH WALTERS *TREDEG ORIANNA*; 4th 714 MRS LR RICHARDS & MR P DAVID *GIGMA SHAKIRA*.
CLASS 112
Welsh Pony Foal:1st 716 FIONA LEADBITTER *THORNBERRY SPECIAL ENVOY*
CLASS 113
Welsh Pony Stallion, 4 years old or over: no entries.
THE WELSH PONY & COB SOCIETY MEDAL TO THE CHAMPION OR RESERVE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE WPCS RULES AND THE THORNBERRY CHALLENGE TROPHY FOR THE BEST ANIMAL IN THE SECTION B CLASS: Winner 707 P & J RUSSELL *BRYNGWENNOL RUBY TUESDAY*; Res 712 JESSICA PRICE *THISTLEDOWN ARCTIC FOX*.
WELSH PONIES COB TYPE Section C
CLASS 114
Mare or gelding, 4 years old or over:1st 717 MRS G KILLEY *WAUNDAFFYDD LITTLE GEM;*
CLASS 115
Foal: NO ENTRIES.
CLASS 116
Yearling: 1st 721 RACHEL ROYLE *BROHEDYDD THE BOSS*; 2nd 723 MRS C LANSGFORD *PWLLMELIN CAITLIN*.
CLASS 117
Welsh Pony of Cob Type, 2 or 3 years old: NO ENTRIES.
CLASS 118
Stallion, 4 years old or over:NO ENTRIES.
LOUIS FISHER PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP FOR THE CHAMPION OF SECTION; THE WELSH PONY & COB SOCIETY MEDAL TO THE CHAMPION OR RESERVE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE WPCS RULES AND CUP FOR THE BEST ANIMAL IN THE SECTION C CLASSES: Winner/Champ 717 MRS G KILLEY *WAUNDAFFYDD LITTLE GEM;* Res 721 RACHEL ROYLE *BROHEDYDD THE BOSS*.
WELSH COBS Section D
CLASS 119
Welsh Cob Yearling:1st 728 MR DM & MRS ED EVANS *GWYNFAES ELUNED DDEDWYDD*; 2nd 729 SAM BEACH *MAESCROFTA ROSALIE*.
CLASS 120
.Welsh Cob, 2 or 3 years old: 1st 731 M D & C EVANS *GWYNFAES IARLLES Y FFYNNON*; 2nd 732 WAM LLOYD *COSETTAN ROYAL* CONSORT.
CLASS 121
Welsh Cob, Mare or Gelding 4 years old or over: 1st 737 ROBERT MANCHIP *FFALD ANGIE*; 2nd 734 CHRIS BEST *CLWYDIGWYN RUBY*; 3rd 738 MR J WILLIAMSON *GLANTREATH EVITA*.
CLASS 122
Welsh Cob Foal: 1st 742 MR J WILLIAMSON *KILGOUR*; 2nd 741 AE WATERS / CRAIG MCCALLEN *ST THOMAS FOAL*.
CLASS 123
Welsh Cob Stallion, 4 years old or over: 1st 744 MR RHYS WALTERS *ALLTALIS IAGO;* 2nd 743 SAM BEACH *MAESCROFTA RONALDO*.
THE WELSH PONY & COB SOCIETY MEDAL TO THE CHAMPION OR RESERVE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE WPCS AND THE PARKHOUSE PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP FOR THE BEST ANIMAL IN SECTION D CLASSES: Champion 737 ROBERT MANCHIP *FFALD ANGIE*; Reserve 44 MR RHYS WALTERS *ALLTALIS IAGO*.
SUPREME CHAMPIONSHIP THE MRS HOMFRAY CHALLENGE CUP FOR BEST EXHIBIT IN SECTIONS A, B, C & D: Winner 694 OWEN FAMILY *CRUMPWELL BLUE VIOLET;* Reserve 737 ROBERT MANCHIP *FFALD ANGIE*.
HUNT SCURRY:1st Llangenior Pentyrch Hunt; 2nd Banwen Hunt; 3rd Ystrad Taf Feachan Hunt; 4th Three Counties Bloodhounds.
THE CALVERT HARRIES MEMORIAL TROPHY FOR THE INTER HUNT SCURRY: Winner Llangenior Pentyrch Hunt.
WELSH MOUNTAIN
CLASS 30
Ram:1st 451 E. WILLIAMS CASTELL LLWYD FARM; 2nd 202 SH & C WILLIAMS PANTYCORNANT FARM, GLYNOGWR; 3rd 203 SH & C WILLIAMS ; 4th 466 ARTHUR DAVIES MAES YR ONN FARM, MANMEOL.
CLASS 31
Ram Lamb: 1st 467 ARTHUR DAVIES MAES YR ONN FARM, MANMEOL; 2nd 453 E. WILLIAMS CASTELL LLWYD; 3rd 454 E. WILLIAMS CASTELL LLWYD; 4th 207 SH & C WILLIAMS PANTYCORNANT FARM.
CLASS 32
One Ewe: 1st 468 ARTHUR DAVIES MAES YR ONN FARM; 2nd 212 SH & C WILLIAMS PANTYCORNANT FARM; 3rd 455 E. WILLIAMS CASTELL LLWYD FARM; 4th 456 E. WILLIAMS CASTELL LLWYD.
CLASS 33
One Ewe Lamb: 1st 457 E. WILLIAMS CASTELL LLWYD FARM; 2nd 458 E. WILLIAMS CASTELL LLWYD; 3rd 216 SH & C WILLIAMS PANTYCORNANT FARM; 4th 469 ARTHUR DAVIES MAES YR ONN FARM.
THE WESTERN MAIL PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY for the BEST EXHIBIT in the WELSH MOUNTAIN SHEEP CLASSES:Winner 452 E. WILLIAMS CASTELL LLWYD FARM; Res 468 ARTHUR DAVIES MAES YR ONN FARM.

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THE WONDERFUL VARIETY IS WHAT MAKES THE VALE SHOW SO SPECIAL

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THE Vale of Glamorgan Show, held annually at Fonmon, is one of the great days in the Welsh rural calendar.

It is different things to different people – a day of interest and entertainment, a chance to bump into old friends, an opportunity to view hundreds of classes, exhibits and stalls, but for many people, and particularly the children, the wonderful animals are what makes it so special.

THE VALE SHOW – SPECTACULAR AND ENTERTAINING IN EQUAL MEASURE

THE Vale Show is an excellent showcase for the very best in farming and rural life in south Wales.

But as you can see from Mike Wilcock's images it is also a day of entertainment and spectacle for all the family.

Keep an eye out next week for more photographs of the show.

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VALE SHOW RESULTS – VALE SHOW RESULTS –

BLACK WELSH MOUNTAIN SHEEP
CLASS 34
Ram: 1st PALMER HAYWARD; 2nd 223 PJ BERTORELLI PENCOED FARM, CEFNCARFARN; 3rd 218 D & W CREW DUDGEMORE FARM, PURTON.
CLASS 35
Ram Lamb: 1st 228 EDWARD MORGAN PHOENIX WAY, HENGOED; 2nd 226 MR & MRS HC WILLIAMS FAIRWATER WAY, CWMBRAN; 3rd PALMER HAYWARD.
CLASS 36
One Ewe: 1st 233 DELYTH MEREDITH GROUCOTT; 2nd 237 EDWARD MORGAN PHOENIX WAY; 3rd 236 D & W CREW DUDGEMORE FARM.
CLASS 37
One Ewe Lamb: 1st 249 EDWARD MORGAN PHOENIX WAY; 2nd 246 MR & MRS HC WILLIAMS FAIRWATER WAY, CWMBRAN; 3rd PALMER HAYWARD.
THE RICHARD EVANS-BEVAN PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TANKARD FOR THE BEST EXHIBIT IN THE BLACK WELSH MOUNTAIN CLASSES – Winner 233 DELYTH MEREDITH GROUCOTT; Revs PALMER HAYWARD.
SUFFOLK CLASS 38
Ram: 1st 256 TR & J HARRIS REDLAND FARM, BONVILSTON; 2nd 255 RHIAN LEWIS WIGFA FARM, CILYBEBYLL; 3rd 258 CHRISTOPHER CORNOCK RED HOUSE FARM, WENTLOOGE.
CLASS 39
Ram Lamb 1st 261 RHIAN LEWIS, WIGFA FARM; 2nd 262 TR & J HARRIS, REDLAND FARM; 3rd 264 CV THOMAS, PENCOED FARM.
CLASS 40
One Ewe:1st 268 TR & J HARRIS, REDLAND FARM, BONVILSTON; 2nd 267 RHIAN LEWIS, WIGFA FARM; 3rd 270 CV THOMAS, PENCOED FARM.
CLASS 41
One Ewe Lamb: 1st 272 TR & J HARRIS, REDLAND FARM; 2nd 271 RHIAN LEWIS, WIGFA FARM; 3rd 274 CHRISTOPHER CORNOCK, RED HOUSE FARM.
THE EDWARDS GELDARD PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY FOR THE BEST EXHIBIT IN THE SUFFOLK SHEEP CLASSES – Winner/champ 261 RHIAN LEWIS WIGFA FARM, CILYBEBYLL; Res 272 R & J HARRIS, REDLAND FARM, BONVILSTON.

TEXEL
CLASS 42
Ram: 1st 277 J & B BOOKER, CAE CADNO, TALIARIS; 2nd 46 TC & RL ADAMS, TY MEDY FARM, LLANTRITHYD; 3rd 462 TC & RL ADAMS, TY MEDY FARM.
CLASS 43
Ram Lamb: 1st 281 J & B BOOKER, CAE CADNO, TALIARIS; 2nd 283 T CHURCHILL, GRAIG DDU FARM, DINAS; 3rd 282 J & B BOOKER, CAE CADNO.
CLASS 44
One Ewe: 1st 285 J & B BOOKER, CAE CADNO; 2nd 313 TONY WILLIAMS DOBBINS RD, BARRY; 3rd 464 TC & RL ADAMS, TY MEDY FARM.
CLASS 45
One Ewe Lamb: 1st 465 TC & RL ADAMS, TY MEDY FARM; 2nd 288 J & B BOOKER, CAE CADNO; 3rd 289 J & B BOOKER, CAE CADNO.
THE MARY HOMFRAY PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY for the Best Exhibit in the Texel Sheep Classes – Winner 277 J & B BOOKER, CAE CADNO, TALIARIS; Res 285 J & B BOOKER, CAE CADNO.
RYELAND
CLASS 46
Ram: 1st 293 RA AM LA HOWEL, GREENWAY COTTAGE, OXWICH GREEN; 2nd 294 RA AM LA HOWELL, GREENWAY COTTAGE; 3rd 295 MILLIE SHEPHERD, TREVITHYN HOUSE, BONVILSTON.
CLASS 47:
Ram Lamb:1st 296 RA, AM, LA HOWELL, GREENWAY COTTAGE; 2nd 297 RA, AM, LA HOWELL, GREENWAY COTTAGE.
CLASS 48
One Ewe:1st 300 RA AM LA HOWELL GREENWAY COTTAGE; 2nd 299 RA AM LA HOWELL GREENWAY COTTAGE.
CLASS 49
One Ewe Lamb: 1st 301 RA, AM, LA HOWELL GREENWAY COTTAGE; 2nd 302 RA, AM, LA HOWELL, GREENWAY COTTAGE.
THE TOM DAVIES MONKTON MEMORIAL TROPHY FOR THE WINNER OF THE RYLAND CHAMPIONSHIP: Winner/champ 300 RA, AM, LA HOWELL, GREENWAY COTTAGE, OXWICH GREEN; Res 293 RA, AM, LA HOWELL.
OPEN MIXED CONTINENTIAL BREED, OTHER THAN TEXEL:
CLASS 50: Ram 1st 04 JOHN HARDING, INGST HILL FARM, INGST; 2nd 471 COLLWYN HYWEL REES, SOMERSET FARM, ST DONATS.
CLASS 51: Ram Lamb: 1st 472 COLLWYN HYWEL REES, SOMERSET FARM, ST DONATS; 2nd 308 TL PRICHARD, CASTELLAU FAWR FARM, LLANTRISANT; 3rd 305 ALED GROUCOTT, SWFFRYD FARM, HAFODYRYNYS.
CLASS 52: One Ewe: 1st 311 ALED GROUCOTT; 2nd 317 JOHN HARDING; 3rd 314 TL PRICHARD, CASTELLAU FAWR FARM, LLANTRISANT.
CLASS 53: One Ewe Lamb: 1st 322 TL PRICHARD; 2nd 323 TL PRICHARD; 3rd 474 COLLWYN HYWEL REES, SOMERSET FARM, ST DONATS.
THE CHAPMAN AND FREARSON CHALLENGE CUP FOR THE BEST CONTINENTAL BREED EXHIBIT: Winner 322 TL PRICHARD; Res 311 ALED GROUCOTT.
OPEN MIXED NATIVE BREED OTHER THAN WELSH MOUNTAIN, BLACK WELSH MOUNTAIN, SUFFOLK & RYELAND:
CLASS 54: Ram: 1st 332 JANE BISSETT, WOODLANDS RD, BARRY; 2nd 333 MARY HUME, TY CRIBWR FARM, ABERKENFIG; 3rd 334 JAMES HEPBURN, FARMHOUSE WAY, CARDIFF.
CLASS 55: Ram Lamb: 1st 343 JAMES HEPBURN; 2nd 344 JAMES HEPBURN; 3rd 341 BLEDDYN BECK & SON.
CLASS 56: One Ewe: 1st 354 AMY JONES, HIGH HOUSE FARM, BRYNGWYN, RAGLAN; 2nd 355 AMY JONES, HIGH HOUSE FARM, BRYNGWYN, RAGLAN; 3rd 352 JAMES HEPBURN.
CLASS 57: One Ewe Lamb: 1st 357 TR & J HARRIS, REDLAND FARM, BONVILSTON; 2nd 360 JAMES HEPBURN; 3rd 341 BLEDDYN BECK & SON.
COLOURED SHEEP(ANY PURE BREED WITH COLOURED WOOL)
CLASS 58:Ram: 1st 363 ALED GROUCOTT; 2nd 364 D & W CREW, DUDGEMORE FARM, PURTON; 3rd 365 TOM NAYLOR, TY MAWR FARM, LLANGAN.
CLASS 59: Ram Lamb: 1st 364 D & W CREW; 2nd 370 ALED GROUCOTT; 3rd 373 JANE BISSETT.
CLASS 60: One Ewe: 1st 375 GARETH JENKINS, TY NEWYDD FARM, GROES FAEN; 2nd 376 ALED GROUCOTT; 3rd 377 D & W CREW.
CLASS 61: One Ewe Lamb: 1st 381 GARETH JENKINS; 2nd 376 ALED GROUCOTT; 3rd 382 D & W CREW.
CLASS 62: 1st 388 TL PRICHARD; 2nd 387 J & B BOOKER, CAE CADNO, TALIARI; 3rd 386 ALED GROUCOTT.
GROUP OF 3
CLASS 63: 1st 405 AMY JONES, HIGH HOUSE FARM, BRYNGWYN, RAGLAN.
The R S Thomas Perpetual Challenge Cup: Winner 405 AMY JONES; Res 389 TL PRICHARD.
ANY BREED
CLASS 64: 1st 391 JUSTIN EVANS, TY DRAW FARM, ST ANDREWS MAJOR; 2nd 469 ARTHUR DAVIES, MAES YR ONN FARM, MANMEOL; 3rd 389 TL PRICHARD.
CLASS 65: 1st 411 TOM NAYLOR; 2nd 410 TR & J HARRIS; 3rd 412 T CHURCHILL, GRAIG DDU FARM, DINAS.
COMMERCIAL SHEEP (ANY BREED)
CLASS 66: A pair of butcher's lambs (under 35 kilos) 1st 498 MARTIN JONES, CORNTOWN FARM; 2nd 419 TONY WILLIAMS, DOBBINS RD, BARRY.
CLASS 67: A pair of butcher's lambs (over 35 kilos): 1st 423 ALED GROUCOTT; 2nd 424 HOLLY JONES GROUCOTT; 3rd 427 IAN ROBERTS, MAES LLAN FARM, BLACKMILL
THE MRS CAMERON-ROSE PERPETUAL CHALLENGE BOWL FOR THE BEST EXHIBIT IN THE COMMERCIAL SHEEP CLASSES: Winner 423 ALED GROUCOTT; Res 424 HOLLY JONES GROUCOTT.
PET LAMB
CLASS 68: Pet Lamb Class - Handler 16 years old or under on or before day of show: 1st 436 FAITH BISSETT, WOODLANDS RD, BARRY; 2nd 432 TR & J HARRIS; 3rd 433 TOM NAYLOR; 4th 431 RHIAN LEWIS, WIGFA FARM, CILYBEBYLL.
THE MRS MARY WILLIAMS CUP FOR THE WINNER OF THE PET LAMB CLASS: Winner 436 FAITH BISSETT.
THE PINKSTONE PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP FOR THE BEST EXHIBIT IN ANY OF THE SHEEP CLASSES: Winner/ Supreme Champion 233 DELYTH MEREDITH GROUCOTT; Reserve 277 J & B BOOKER.
SHEEP SHEARING: FLEECE COMPETITION:
CLASS 70: Fine & Medium, including Merinos, Suffolk, Ryeland, Charollais Downs, Halfbred, Texel and Lleyn: 1st 441 JANE BISSETT; 2nd 440 TR & J HARRIS.
CLASS 71: Cross & Lustre, including Mule, Greyface, Wensleydale, Lincoln and Devon: 1st 442 TR & J HARRIS.
CLASS 72: Hill & Mountain including Radnor, Beulah, Cheviot, Blackface and Welsh: NO ENTRIES.
CLASS 73: Natural Coloured of any pure bred or cross fleece: 1st 444 JANE BISSETT; 2nd 443 TR & J HARRIS.
SOMERSET FARM; 2nd 308 TL PRICHARD CASTELLAU FAWR FARM, LLANTRISANT. 3rd 305 ALED GROUCOTT SWFFRYD FARM, HAFODYRYNYS.

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'Outstanding achievement' at The Cathedral School

THE Cathedral School's first A-Level results place the school among the best independent schools in the UK, with 85 per cent of students achieving A*-B grades, securing places at the most competitive universities.

The school's first A-Level results are excellent!

Sixty-four per cent of all grades were A*/A, with over half of the cohort achieving exclusively A*/A grades. Almost a third of the grades were the coveted A* with an overall pass rate of 100 per cent – outstanding results from the school's first cohort.

Top performers, scoring A* and A grades, included Lorna Price, who will read modern languages at Cambridge and is taking up a choral scholarship; Nicole Singh-Clark and Alex Brown who will study medicine at Edinburgh and Sheffield respectively and Waleed El-Geresy and Jake Maddocks who will read engineering at Imperial College London and Southampton respectively.

In addition to Russell Group success, the school has also secured international success, with Kou Motobayashi studying international studies at Sophia University in Tokyo.

With almost half of the cohort applying for STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) courses, 84 per cent of all grades in maths and 100 per cent of those in further maths were A*/A.

Headmaster Stephen Morris said: "These fantastic results vindicate our decision to introduce sixth form teaching at the Cathedral School two years ago. We are absolutely delighted that our students have done so well which is testament to their hard work and the excellent teaching at the school.

"Our bespoke sixth form, underpinned by a programme of specialist support, led by the head of sixth form, Mrs Catrin Ellis Owen has provided the very best advice, guidance and support for all of our students across the full range of subjects we offer. Nurturing bright and hardworking students within an ambitious environment is what our sixth form is all about.

"As the Cathedral School sixth form pioneers, this year group has certainly had the spotlight on them throughout their time in year-12 and 13 and are so deserving of these fantastic results. We wish them every success as they take the next step on their educational journey."

The Cathedral School sixth form offers small class sizes, a strong emphasis upon preparation for top universities and a breadth of co-curricular opportunities, especially in music.

The school will host an Open Morning on Saturday, October 3 for nursery to sixth form, followed by a sixth form Options Evening on Thursday, November 5.

Porthcawl Museum marks VJ day with an exhibition and community singalong

MEMBERS of Porthcawl Museum hosted a celebration day last Friday (August 14) to mark the 70th anniversary of the end of World War 2 in Japan.

There was a VJ Day exhibition at the museum in John Street, while in the Y Centre, just across the road, there was a coffee morning.

The event concluded with community singing of all the wartime favourite songs.

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The veterans' therapists keep marathon charity cyclists fed and watered!

Col Hugh Bodington, veterans lead therapist Victoria Williams, veterans therapist Margaret Gibbons, secretary Jacqui Pugh, and Oxana Jones, veterans therapist.

ABMU veterans' therapists have done their bit to keep a group of charity cyclists refreshed as they tackled a mammoth bike ride across Wales.

The team prepared and hosted a special lunch at the ARC Centre in Bridgend for members of the Welsh Veterans Partnership, who cycled 785 miles from Cardiff to Llandudno and back, to raise awareness of the needs of ex-servicemen and woman in Wales.

Veterans' lead therapist Victoria Williams said: "It was a real pleasure to have them with us and we were able to give the riders and other guests a short presentation to highlight what we are doing."

Veterans' NHS Wales supports military veterans who have experienced psychological difficulties as a result of their time in the armed forces.

The service in ABMU consists of Victoria, veterans' therapists Margaret Gibbons and Oxana Jones and secretary Jacqui Pugh.

They can accept referrals from health staff, GPs and veterans' charities as well as self-referrals. They deal with veterans from Bridgend, Neath Port Talbot and Swansea who are suffering from a range of problems including post-traumatic stress disorder, anxiety and depression.

Their office was one of the first ports of call for the riders after they set off from Cardiff on their first full day of cycling, where they were joined by the service's principal clinician Dr Neil Kitchiner, who saddled up alongside them for the first 27 miles of the route.

The Partnership was created after the success of 2013's Walk on Wales event organised by Falklands veterans and sees Armed Forces personnel, the NHS, charities, local authorities, businesses and philanthropists working to improve all-round care for veterans in Wales.

The cyclists, who included the Partnership's chair Colonel Hugh Bodington, headed from Bridgend to Swansea to complete the first of their 17 days in the saddle. Their route went on to take them around Wales including Llanelli, Tenby, Cardigan, Pwllhelli, Bangor, Welshpool, Brecon and Pontypridd.

To find out more about Veterans' NHS Wales visit its website www.veteranswales.co.uk where you'll be able to find more details including a referral form.

MP welcomes opening of Ewenny Bridge

THE new Ewenny Bridge has opened, to the delight of Vale MP, Alun Cairns.

The road, a key artery in the western Vale, had originally been due to remain closed until October, but Mr Cairns revealed that he had worked with Network Rail to reduce the project time to a four-month closure rather than six.

He said: "I am pleased that the residents and traders in St Brides Major and the surrounding towns and villages can now benefit from improved traffic flow.

"I worked hard to shave two months off the project timings, and will continue to support the traders.

"We visited the bridge while the tarmac was still warm, and on Friday evening my team visited local residents and traders to inform them that the bridge had reopened," he added.

Great Dane charity event

THE Great Dane Club of Wales and Bark Avenue professional dog groomers are holding a charity dog event on August 30, in aid of Great Dane Care.

It takes place at Glanmor, Southerndown, Bridgend (CF32 0RN).

A companion dog show held under KC Regulations, entries will be £1 per class with prize cards and rosettes from first to fifth place.

"The event opens at 12 noon, with judging starting at 12.30pm, and we are delighted to offer a bag of Happy Dog to each class winner!" a spokeswoman said.

The judges will be Jagger and Woody of heart Breakfast.

Pedigree classes, please note: dogs that have won CCs, Reserve CCs, Junior Warrants or any award that counts towards the title of champion, are ineligible for entry.

Novelty classes and a fun agility course, too; raffle, bouncy castle and photo booth on the day, with a licensed bar, barbecue and cake stall.

For more information, contact Sarah Richardson on 07980 375588 or email sarah@barkavenue.co.uk.

Cancer Research UK charity ride

ON September 6, the Porthcawl Cancer Research UK committee will be holding its annual family bike ride, supported by Porthcawl Rugby Club.

"So please get on your bikes and help us raise much-needed funds for cancer research," a spokeswoman urged.

Sponsorship forms and route description forms are available from: Diane Jones 01656 784762; Winn Roberts 01656 782880; and Sue Sharp 01656 773670.

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Development that may affect a Conservation Area/ Datblygu a allai effeithio ar Ardal Gadwraeth

Application No:/
Rhif y cais: 2015/00732/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Erection of double garage (amendments to roof shape of planning permission 2015/0068/FUL)
Location:/Lleoliad: 8, Cardiff Road, Cowbridge
Conservation Area:/
Ardal Gadwraeth Cowbridge

Listed Building Consent/ Caniatâd Adeilad Rhestredig

Application No:
/Rhif y cais: 2015/00889/LBC
Proposal:/Cynnig: New conservatory and new garage
Location:/Lleoliad: Cliff Farm, lane - Aberogwrn Farm to Kenson Hill, Llancarfan
Listed Building:/
Adeilad Rhestredig Grade II

Application No:/
Rhif y cais: 2015/00942/LBC
Proposal:/Cynnig: New signage
Location:/Lleoliad: Tudor Tavern, Church Street, Llantwit Major
Listed Building:/
Adeilad Rhestredig Grade II

Application(s) of General Interest/ Ceisiadau o Ddiddordeb Cyffredinol

Application No:/
Rhif y cais: 2015/00843/FUL
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NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 8
Proposed development at Home Farm, land west of Drope Road, St. Georges Super Ely.

I give notice that Cenin Renewables Limited, is applying to The Vale of Glamorgan Council for Planning Permission to Installation of small scale c. 3MW ground mounted photovoltaic solar arrays with inverter houses; switchgear cabin, internal access track, landscaping; fencing; security measures; access gate and ancillary infrastructure.

The proposal has been submitted with an environmental statement which can be inspected at the address given below. Members of the public may obtain a paper copies of the environmental statement at a charge of £250.00, Non-Technical Summary is free of charge or a digital copy of the above documents on a CD for £25.00 from Pegasus Group Limited, First Floor, Equinox North, Great Park Road, Almondsbury, Bristol. BS32 4QL so long as stocks last.

Members of the public may inspect copies of:

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- The plans.
- The environmental statement.
- Other documents submitted with the application.

at the address given below during all reasonable hours until 10 September, 2015.

Anyone who wishes to make representations about this application should write to the Head of Planning and Transportation at the address given below by 10 September 2015 quoting reference 2015/00852/FUL.

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Hospital's 'honeymoon suite' for local couple

Julia and Trevor Lewis.

AN elderly couple received the 'honeymoon' treatment when they were admitted to University Hospital Llandough (UHL) recently.

Julia and Trevor Lewis from Cardiff spent six weeks together, after Julia became unwell and needed a blood transfusion.

At first, she refused to go in as she was concerned about leaving her husband at home without her. Hospital staff solved the problem when they made arrangements for the couple to be moved to the 'honeymoon suite', where they could rest and recuperate together.

The couple and their Age Connect volunteer, Anne O'Regan, have praised the "excellent care and support" they have received from staff on East 8 ward.

Anne, who has known Julia and Trevor for six months, said she had become concerned about Julia: "I was going on holiday and Julia was due to have a procedure done, but she was worried about Trevor being on his own. I arranged for other volunteers to visit Trevor while I was away.

"When I came back, I visited them both and was increasingly concerned about Julia as she had become very unwell. Her GP said that Julia was anaemic and required a blood transfusion.

"She was still anxious about leaving Trevor and, unfortunately, refused hospital admission."

Julia eventually agreed to be admitted, but her anxiety was still there: "I took Julia into Llandough Hospital and explained the situation. Trevor experiences a number of health problems himself, with difficulty walking due to pain in his knees and dementia."

The hospital decided to admit Trevor as a social admission so he would still receive a level of care while Julia was being treated.

Eventually, Julia was transferred to East 8 ward, so they could monitor her condition.

Staff on the ward realised that Julia wasn't improving as well as they had hoped, due to her anxiety over Trevor, so arrangements were made to bring Trevor to East 8 ward every day so they could have meals together.

The ward manager noticed that their anxiety increased when they were apart, so they were moved to the 'honeymoon suite', a private room with two beds, where they could recuperate.

Anne continued: "To see them together and to see the efforts the staff have made to reassure them has been exceptional. The honeymoon suite is absolutely wonderful to keep them together.

"What the hospital is also doing is promoting their independence, and is planning now for their discharge and return home.

"We had a home visit last week and they are putting things in place like meals and daily help for Trevor, but we have to make sure that Julia doesn't refuse any help this time because Julia is 'Mrs Independent'.

Julia praised the care she received at UHL, saying: "Staff have been absolutely brilliant. They are like family now and it's like being in a lovely home with a big family.

"That's how I feel, like I'm with all my brothers and sisters.

"Everyone has been so kind and caring and we have been very fortunate and privileged that we have been brought here. I will miss the people when I go home. The ones that are looking after us are brilliant."

Trevor added: "To be here with Julia is wonderful because I can see what they are doing for her and I am here to be close to her in case she needs me, and I also need care myself.

"I have trouble walking. I had an operation last year and I've got trouble with both my knees but I'm not complaining.

"The hospital is good. I'd like to book a holiday here. It is lovely and the staff are wonderful."

Julia added; "The hospital won't let us go home until we are ready to be at home. And they are making sure we have our care package in place to help us at home.

"I am also happy that Trevor is getting the medication he needs, which will help us both going forward."

Success 'across the board' for Romilly bowlers

BARRY Romilly Bowling Club's season gets better and better with successes across the board during the past week. On Wednesday The 'Rom' visited Penarth Windsor in the Munro Cup and came away with a superb win; this was followed by victories for both club and 'A' teams, keeping them well on course for their respective league titles.

On a fine Saturday afternoon Romilly welcomed Gilfach to Romilly Park for CML Div 1 game which would be vital in the context of league placings. Current third placed Gilfach would have a dramatic effect on the title race should they win as they were only 16 points behind and, with second placed St Joseph's playing Gelli Park at home with the probability of taking a minimum of 12 points, a Romilly win was a must.

From the outset the Gilfach players appeared up for the game as all their rinks were loudly encouraging each of their bowls and by the fifth end the score was in favour of the visitors, 16 – 18. The game continued to be close during ends six to 10 but the 'Rom' had edged ahead by eight shots, 40 – 32, mainly due to the rink of Alun Bryan, Ray Hewitson, Fred Phillips and Brian Foscolo who were ahead by 14 – 3.

As the match progressed all rinks were embroiled in close ends but by the 15th end Romilly had extended their lead and had moved further ahead overall, 58 – 47. Over the final ends the game became very tense as Foscolo's rink who had been leading comfortably by 11 shots at one stage succumbed to some excellent bowling from the opposition and found themselves down 16 – 17 on the 19th end.

The Romilly rink composed themselves and after laying some excellent bowls made a four on the 20th end, finishing with a two on the final end to win 22 – 17. The rink of Jeff Coles, Gwynne Rees, George Trepleton and Jeff Wright had been behind up to the 11th end but upped their game from the 12th to the 17th ends scoring 12 shots without reply eventually winning 20 – 18.

With two rinks home and dry it was left to Graham Cogbill and Mel Newman to guide their rinks to victory and it was Romilly's captain Newman's rink, although behind for most of the game against the opposing rink skipped by Welsh international Carl Wood who finished strongly scoring nine shots to three during the last six ends to win 21 –17, the skip receiving solid support from Kelvyne Mills, Terry Bloomfield and Clive Collins.

It was left to the rink of Gary Eastment, Rhodri Phillips, Mike Doyle and Cogbill to give the 'Rom' maximum points and having been in front from the off they duly obliged winning fairly comfortably by seven shots, 22 – 15.

The overall score was 85 – 67 in favour of Romilly and with all rinks successful a superb 14 points was achieved, maintaining their position at the top of the league. This week's game is away to Troedyrhiw.

ROMILLY 'A' V RHOOSE

Romilly travelled the short distance on Saturday to play Rhoose in a CML Div. 5 game aiming to maintain their position at the top of the league.

Once again the game was to be played on a carpet green which is always a concern when teams who play on grass try to adjust to the pace especially the Romilly players coming from Romilly Park's slow-paced green.

Romilly had some fortune in the fact they had played on a carpet green at St Mellons two weeks previously giving the players recent practice which would help build their confidence.

Romilly were expecting a difficult game as the home side had beaten second placed Blaenrhondda in recent weeks but after the first five ends the 'Rom' held a slight advantage of two shots.

Over the next five ends the game remained close with the green becoming difficult as the wind was effecting the bowls causing the lines to change but Romilly adjusted reasonably well and after 10 ends still held a narrow three shot advantage.

Three Romilly rinks skipped by Tony Freeman, Andrew Hacher and Roger Jones were in very tight struggles with the score on each rink within one but the rink of Howard Jones was six down after 15 ends against the home rink skipped by Paul Williams.

At the start of the 16th end the 'Rom' were behind overall by five shots and a big effort was required to turn the game around and two rinks managed that as the experience of Phil Gershenson, Mike Gronow, Bob Wyatt and Freeman out-bowled their opposition over the final six ends scoring seven shots to two winning by six shots, 18 – 12.

Similarly the rink of Dennis Mottram, Tony Jones, Brian Cheal and Roger Jones who were behind on the 15th end upped their games scoring 10 shots to two over final ends winning by six shots, 19 – 13.

Romilly already had four points in the bag and it was left to the rinks of Hacher and Howard Jones to gain victories and overall points but Rhoose were not in the mood to give in and with the 'Rom' 12 shots ahead Hacher's rink, who had been leading until the 14th end, went 'walkabout', dropping six shots over the last few ends to lose by three shots, 15 – 18.

This left the rink of Terry Mahoney, Paul Clarke, Alfie Woolcock and Howard Jones to see the game out and although losing they gained enough shots to allow Romilly a hard fought victory by just five shots, 69 – 64, with the 'Rom' taking 10 vital points to Rhoose's four.

This win ensures Romilly 'A' will go up to Div.4 but their home game next Saturday against second placed Blaenrhondda will probably be the league title decider with Romilly currently four points ahead. Well done so far to Romilly 'A'.

MUNRO CUP - ROMILLY V PENARTH WINDSOR

Last Wednesday Barry Romilly bowlers travelled to Penarth Windsor for the last Munro Cup match of the season and the game turned out to be the decider on who would be the cup holders.

It was a repeat of last year when the outcome was a 11 points to 3 win for the 'Rom'. Ironically Romilly were seven points behind and therefore had to win 11 points to 3 at least to retain the cup.

On a fine evening for bowls and on a green renowned for its generous pace, the game commenced with a number spectators looking forward to a competitive game of bowls and with all players knowing each other well they were all up for the game.

The early ends were keenly contested with plenty of good bowls being delivered but Romilly took an early three shot lead. As the game progressed Romilly rinks were playing well and all rinks were ahead by the 10th end, 36 – 27, but this was only halfway and a strong Windsor team were always going to make it difficult for 'Rom' on their own green.

For Romilly it wasn't about ensuring an overall win but also needing the three rinks win to achieve the necessary 11-plus points to retain the cup so each rink were battling hard against some fine individual bowling from the home players.

By the 15th end it was Romilly who had edged further ahead and were on target leading by 17 shots but more importantly were ahead on three rinks and level on the other.

With three ends to play each Romilly rink were holding the upper hand and with three rinks far enough ahead Romilly cruised to a resounding win, 76 – 53, scoring 13 points to one and retaining the Munro Cup.

FP

Bridge results

RESULTS for the Vale of Glamorgan bridge club for August 17:

1st David Barwood & Jane Brook 61.01%, 2nd Irene Thomas &Graham Jones 59.52%, 3rd= Debbie & Simon Richards and Liam Sheridan & John Beard 58.63%.

LE

Ladies day a triumph at Wenvoe Golf Club

LADIES open day at Wenvoe Castle Golf Club is always a popular event and this year was no exception with a good entry rewarded by yet another warm and sunny day.

The lady captain with the winning team.

The stableford competition involved teams of three players with the best two scores to count and you could almost guarantee a close finish was on the cards.

Local knowledge proved to be a major contribution as Helen Hughes, Fran Grant and Heather Thompson from the home club took the honours with a winning score of 78 points.

Narrowly missing out by just a single point were Barbara Beedham, Jane Lott and Trish Walker (Wenvoe Castle) with 77 points.

It took a count back for them to pip Sue Macpherson, Mallory Armstrong (Newport) and Elaine Caveney (Cardiff) into third place.

The visitors' prize went to Zena Jackson, Nita Evans and Val Evans (Vale of Glamorgan) with 74 points, an excellent score on an away course.

'Nearest the pin' on the ninth hole went to Dawn Towell (Monmouthshire), just 213cm from a hole in one, and 'nearest the line' on the 14th hole was won by Ann Birt (Cottrell Park)

The two's prize went to Janet Nicholls (Glamorganshire) second hole, Jane Lott (Wenvoe Castle) 15th hole, Lynda Campbell (Wenvoe Castle) 15th hole.

Lady captain Barbara Beedham presented the prizes and thanked all involved for their part in organising the day with special mention for Nicola Sims and her team of bar and catering staff who had worked tirelessly throughout the long day.

Once again the golf course was presented in a magnificent condition and players were highly complimentary about the quality of the greens which have a gained a deserved reputation for being the one of best in the region.

BJ

Barry fan's view of Welsh football

BARRY football fan Ian Johnson is among others being interviewed for a new S4C show *Stori Pel-Droed Cymru*, the story of Welsh football.

Ian Johnson is interviewed for the series 'Stori Pel-Droed Cymru' (The Welsh Football Story), which will be broadcast on S4C in October.

The six-part series, produced by Cwmni Da, will begin broadcasting in October to coincide with the final matches of Wales' qualifying tournament for next year's 2016 European Championship, where Wales hope to make it through to the finals for the first time in decades.

The Plaid Cymru councillor was asked to give his thoughts on Barry Town's Welsh and European success in the 1990s and their recent phoenix-like revival, as well as Welsh football's challenges through recent decades.

Speaking after filming the interview, Ian Johnson, who is now president of Cadoxton Barry FC, as well as following Barry Town United and other local clubs, said: "This is for a six-part series about football in Wales, the story of Welsh football, so they are interviewing fans, like me, as well as players, officials, journalists and others with a different perspective on Welsh football.

"I was asked about the Barry Town fanzine I used to write in the 1990s, '38 Hours From Vilnius', about organising the supporters' bus to Porto and how Barry going professional in 1995 changed Welsh domestic football.

"They also asked me about watching the Welsh national team, the prospect of a single UK team – which I oppose – and my favourite Welsh goals and games.

"The final question was the most tricky as I had to name an all-time Wales first 11, where I managed to get in former Barry Town manager Peter Nicholas, who got more than 70 Welsh caps as well as the usual favourites, such as Gareth Bale and Ian Rush.

"I'm sure much of my contribution will end up on the cutting room floor, but I'm looking forward to the series appearing on S4C in the autumn!"

Local bowlers' welcome win!

MILLWOOD made the journey up to Thomastown for a fairly crucial game for both sides in the division, knowing that a defeat could possibly be the end of their promotion hopes!

With this threat hanging over both teams, a cagey and hard fought game was expected, which is exactly what it turned out to be!

With the first five of the 21 ends played, Thomastown took an early two shot advantage to lead 20-18.

From the fifth to the 10th ends, Millwood knuckled down to the task and overturned the deficit and led by 11 shots at 45-34.

The game got even tighter from the 10th to 15th ends with Millwood hanging on to the lead by a slender three shots, 57-54.

The final quarter of the game saw Millwood increase the shot advantage to run out winners by 11 shots to make the score 80 shots to 69. The points total for Millwood for this game was a very welcome 12-2, by virtue of winning three of the four rinks played.

Our next game is home to Gelligaled, so we really need to get a win against them to consolidate our promotion aspects.

Millwood 'A' lost their fixture against Cadoxton, giving them their first win, and finally dashing Millwood's hopes of promotion.

This Saturday the 'A' side are away to Rumney 'A' - time to get back on the winning trail!

JH

VALE REDS WIN TROPHY

THE Vale Reds disability football team came away with the silverware last weekend form the Welsh Super Cup.

It was a new format of 9-a-side for the team and over the two days the club scored 17 goals and conceded one.

The players were supported well by the parents and everyone had a real good time in the sunshine. This is a fantastic way to sign off for the Vale Reds disability football club as they will now become part of the Barry Town United football club.

The club will start training again on September 9, at Bro Morganwwg school every Wednesday from 7pm - if anyone would like to find out more please contact Neil Latham on 07827 334818; all ages are catered for from 12 to adult.

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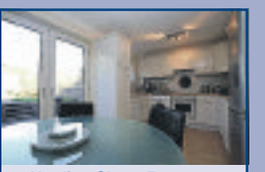

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Suddenly but peacefully on August 13 at Llandough Hospital. Charmaine, adored wife to Michael, loving mum of Phillip. A much loved daughter of Christine and cherished sister of Robert.

Charmaine will be greatly missed by all her family and many friends.

Resting at The Vale Funeral Service, 181 Court Road until her service at their Windsor Road Chapel, Barry (opposite Mount Sorrel Hotel) on Wednesday, August 26 at 10am, followed by interment at Barry Cemetery. Family flowers only please, donations if desired may be made at the service or via Charmaine's online tribute page at www.valefuneralservice.co.uk to support the work of Macmillan Cancer Support. Family request black attire optional.

Funeral arrangements entrusted to Lyndsay Ellis 01446 407962.

SUCKLING
Barbara (Babs)

Peacefully at home with her devoted husband Goff on 15 August 2015. Beloved mother of Karen and Debbie and much loved grandmother to Georgie, Joe, James, Zoe, Ally and Grace. Many thanks to all the carers for their wonderful help and support.

Funeral service at the Church of St John the Baptist, Llanblethian on Tuesday, 25 August at 12.15pm, followed by a cremation at Coychurch Crematorium at 1.15pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired to be made to the Parkinson's Disease Society.

ROWDEN
Helen

Peacefully at Milsom House Nursing Home on August 12, Helen aged 54 years. Much loved sister of Margaret, John and Philip, beloved daughter of the late Phil and Iris Rowden.

Helen will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams & Son until the funeral service on Monday, August 24 at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium at 5pm. Donations if so desired would be greatly appreciated for Ty Hafan c/o the funeral director.

FLANAGHAN
Rosemarie (Nee Donovan)

Peacefully on August 12 at Holme Tower, Penarth, Rosemarie of Llantwit Major. Beloved wife of the late Patrick, dearly loved mother of Amanda, daughter of Bob and the late Rosemary George, sister of Steven and sister-in-law of Hazel.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Tuesday August 25, service 10.15am at St Illtuds Church, Llantwit Major, followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend, at 11.30am.

No flowers by request, donations in lieu, if desired, to Holme Tower Marie Curie Centre, Penarth c/o J James, 11 Fonmon Road, Rhoose, Vale of Glamorgan CF62 3DZ.

HITCHINGS
Ronald Arthur (Ron)

Peacefully on August 17 at the Princess of Wales Hospital, aged 87.

Loving husband of Val, loving dad to Claire and the late Elaine. Father-in-law to Stuart, grandfather to Nathan and Joshua.

Funeral service on Friday, August 28 at 12 noon at Coychurch Crematorium. Family flowers only.

STILLMAN
Barbara Muriel

On August 14 after a short illness, Babs aged 79 years of Morgan Street, Barry, passed away peacefully at Barry Hospital. Daughter of the late Phyllis and Albert Stillman. Loving sister to Annette, Gordon, Philip, Grace and the late Brian, Allan and Tommy. Respected sister-in-law of Irene and Catherine. Close friend of Allison and Claire. Now at peace with her soul mate and companion Bob.

Resting at A.G. Adams & Son Funeral Home, Gladstone Road, Barry, where flowers may be sent until the funeral service at St Marys Church, Holton Road, Barry on Monday August 24 at 10am. Afterwards, cremation at Barry Crematorium at 11am.

Babs will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

BARRATT
Gilbert Charles "Gil"

Passed away after a long illness at The University Hospital of Wales on August 11. Much loved husband of Josie. Loving uncle to Keith and Carol. Dear brother-in-law to Dave and Christine.

Resting at D. Caesar Jones Funeral Home, 55 Pantbach Road, Rhiwbina until the service at St Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Cathays on Monday, August 24 at 2.30pm, followed by cremation at Thornhill Crematorium, Wenallt Chapel at 3.30pm.

By request no black to be worn. Family flowers only, donations if so desired can be made to "Dialysis Unit" at UHW c/o the funeral home.

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Boxing club raises money for Air Ambulance

LLANTWIT MAJOR boxing club handed over a cheque totalling £2,858 to Wales Air Ambulance recently.

This was the money raised from the club's recent open air sparring session, where a number of local newcomers to the sport took up the challenge, throwing themselves into an intense eight week training program and putting on the gloves all in the name of raising money for a fantastic cause.

The club would like to thank all the boxers involved and more importantly everyone who donated, including all of the sponsors.

We were told from the Air Ambulance representatives that the money would help fund three life saving missions.

Llantwit Major boxing club reopens on Wednesday, September 2, with the junior sessions (from eight years on) 4.30pm-5.30pm, and seniors 5.30pm-7pm

For enquiries please call Tony on 01446 796784 or find us on Facebook at 'Llantwit Major boxing club'.

KJ

Llantwit lose away to Cowbridge

LLANTWIT MAJOR Bowls Club ladies, after an enjoyable club competition, travelled to Cowbridge for the last league match of the season.

The weather was kind, while Cowbridge ladies were not. All games were close; Cowbridge managed a win on all rinks, claiming the full 10 points.

Enjoying a delicious tea afterwards, the secretaries did their sums and Cowbridge are the winners of the league. Well done, Cowbridge.

Scores: N Baelz, M Horgan, E Nichols, C Willmot, 11-19; K Johnes, P Pike, M Davies, J Molloy, 13-15; E Hardie, P Brown, H Nixon, E Gray, 14-15. Well played Llantwit ladies, and thank you Cowbridge for a lovely afternoon.

Carol Willmot

On and off the turf with BRIAN LEE

MRS Pamela Thomas, of Rhoose, has phoned me to say she was delighted to read my piece on Barry-born John Cook who won the 1971 Grand National on Specify.

John Cook was her cousin and she said that the article brought back many happy memories of John and his mother and father Lily and Albert Cook who used to look after the apprentice jockeys at Kingsclere stables when it was run by Evan Williams and later Peter Hastings-Bass.

Mrs Thomas, nee Cook, said: "We had one of Specify's racing plates on the garden gate for years but unfortunately it has vanished." She recalled visiting John and her aunt and uncle at Kingsclere and the happy times they had together.

TIM'S 8-1 WINNER

Honey Pound was a 9-1 winner of the Living Coasts Conditional Jockeys' Handicap Hurdle at Newton Abbot last week.

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Chess club take on junior players

THE Barry chess club were invited to play against a number of junior players at the Amelia Trust Farm.

The youngsters, all aged between 9 and 12, were involved in a five day residential course with three hours chess training in the morning, an educational trip in the afternoon followed by one to one coaching in the evening.

This is perhaps the only chess course of its kind in the UK although there are many such camps in eastern Europe. The week finished with a competitive game against the Barry Chess Club.

We were requested not to hold back as the keen juniors really wanted to test some of their newly learnt skills.

We turned up with 10 players. The first match was a short game with 10 minutes on each clock. The juniors were perhaps the least experienced residential camp members.

For most of them it was their first really competitive match, the first time they have needed to record their moves or use a chess clock.

There were many mistakes along the way but all the players enjoyed the experience. The older Barry players ended up not only winning all 10 matches but in a couple of cases winning with the same bishop and queen mating attack, so perhaps that will be a learning point for the juniors.

Then we played a longer match with each player having an hour on their clocks. The junior team brought on eight more experienced players and were also helped on by the addition of a further two bigger kids in Tim Kett and Russell Doddington.

Now the games were more difficult. In almost every game the juniors were quicker than their more mature opponents.

The Barry players' faces displayed signs of concentration, consternation and furrowed brows. As the youngsters' games developed our players could be seen with hands on heads or was that heads in hands. On every board the match was close.

The lower boards finished first. There were wins for David Jones and Ken Curry. Further wins came for John Stephenson against Anna Boyle from Chepstow, who recently became the British under-9 girls champion, and Dave Mahoney were countered by the residents with wins for Russell and Tim.

The match became closer when young Georgia Headlong from Wiltshire took victory over Stephen Bonutto.

With three games to go and time running out the match could still go either way. Martin Ricketts had what looked like a drawn position against the only local lad, Merlin Davies from Cowbridge.

With only a few minutes left to play time pressure finally told and, rushing, Merlin moved a pawn rather than his king. This gave a winning advantage to Martin, so the match score was 5-3 with two games left.

Susanna Fraser from the North Cardiff Club had a much better position than bridge playing veteran Ken Hannah. Somewhat surprisingly she offered to resign as she could not find the win her play deserved and only had two minutes left on her clock.

Ken, in sporting mood with only four minutes left on his clock, asked Susanna if she really meant to offer a draw rather than resign. She immediately accepted the sporting offer.

There was still one game to go. Georgia's brother Ben was playing Sam Jukes. Ben had the better of the game, offering many threats, but again struggled with time running out.

Sam is very good when time is short. Moves were being made instantaneously until Ben's clock ran out. Sam only had 17 seconds left as well.

The match finished Barry winning by 6.5 to 3.5 but a very good time was had by one and all. The children were well behaved alll night and are looking forward to this becoming an annual match.

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7.30pm each Monday at the West End Club. St. Nicholas Road, Barry, CF62 6QY. The club is open to players of all standards; whether you are interested in playing competitive chess or just the occasional friendly games.

New players are very welcome to just turn up on the night but if you contact one of the club members through the website we can explain what is happening on the night you have in mind, and arrange for someone to greet you on your arrival.

For more details visit our website at: barrychessclub.yolasite.com.

PHIL JONES

The 'Ninja Kids' pictured with their certificates.

'NINJA KIDS' CELEBRATE SUMMER GRADUATION

THE 'Ninja Kids' at JSTKD Martial Arts & Fitness were in fine form recently as they took part in their summer graduation.

The mini martial artists are 3-5 years old and follow JSTKD's specially tailored Ninja Kids programme which is validated by the TAGB (Tae Kwon Do Association of GB).

As well as learning all the basics of Tae Kwon Do, the children also enjoy a range of fitness and co-ordination exercises in a structured and encouraging environment.

Additional messages such as being aware of stranger danger and learning how to work as a team are also part of the programme which has its own colour belt categories in preparation for joining the older children once they reach around six years old.

Proud family and friends cheered on the youngsters as they showed off their moves and answered questions about what they've been learning.

There were pupils from JSTKD's schools in Barry, Dinas Powys, Sully, Rhoose and Llantwit Major. The full range of skill levels were on display with many new students earning their first colour belts, many moving up the gradings and one student successfully completing all the required belts to move into the main junior class.

From here, a significant number of ex-Ninjas go on to become Black Belts and then progress onwards to assist both junior learners and adult beginners.

If you have a budding Ninja in your family, please visit www.jstkd.co.uk for full details. There are new classes planned too so please contact us to be kept updated on future venues.

VW

Bowlers end Munro campaign on a high

LLANTWIT MAJOR bowlers played their final Munro Cup game of the season when they visited Barry Central on Wednesday; against a team weakened by being three players short, Llantwit won 113-35.

Arthur Hayes' rink were behind until drawing level on the sixth end then failed to score for three ends; it took until the 14th end for Llantwit to go in front but Central won the final end to draw the match.

Neville Young's rink found the heavy green not to their liking causing them to bowl a lot of short bowls. After holding the lead throughout Llantwit failed to score on the final six ends, giving Central a share of the spoils.

Graham Jones' rink, facing a rink of only three players, overwhelmed them restricting them to win only three ends. Llantwit finished with a six on the final end to win by 39 shots.

Steve Booker's rink were also playing against only three players who could not cope against a vastly more experienced rink with Llantwit scoring at will, including three ends of six shots, finishing with a winning margin again of 39 shots.

Llanwit had another poor result in the league on Saturday, collecting only two points against Bargoed in a 89-80 defeat.

Graham Jones' rink were Llantwit's only winners, losing only five ends out of 21; the rink combined well to out bowl their opponents winning by 20 shots.

Neville Young's rink started well winning the first three ends then lost the next eight ends to go 15 shots behind. Llantwit improved after that, winning the majority of the remaining ends to lose by 11 shots.

Steve Booker's rink were in trouble from the start conceding seven shots on the third end.

Llantwit came back to be only one shot behind on the eighth end but never got close again as Bargoed won most of the final ends to win by 12 shots.

Charles Hiscock's rink were five down after two ends, then Llantwit won the next four ends to be just one shot behind Bargoed, then scored seven shots over the next four ends.

Despite Llantwit scoring six shots in the closing ends they could not overcome the deficit, losing by six shots.

NY

Glan (99) still in bowls action

GLAN BROWN (99) is still playing regularly at Sully Indoor Bowls Club and can still hold his own with the younger players.

He celebrated his birthday on August 15 but a party was held for him at the bowls club on August 13 immediately after a session of 'spoons'.

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Brynhill ladies in championship action

THE Brynhill Championship 2015 was played in cold, wet and blustery conditions.

Many of the ladies followed in buggies with a dozen stalwarts, including the president, Keith Atkinson, and his wife, Brenda, walking.

Sam Pascoe played Gemma Evans, who was three up on the ninth. On the 10th, Gemma lost her ball in a ditch, reducing her lead to two.

Sam found the green on the par 3s, but found bunkers and trees elsewhere, so Gemma was two after 18.

The weather brightened a little in the afternoon and Gemma moved to five up after nine. She drove into the ditch again on the 10th, although this time the ball was found.

Sam battled on and reduced Gemma's lead to three up on the 15th, and then won the 16th with a par to stay in the game. She took the 17th and 18th as well, so the game went to sudden death.

On the 37th hole, Sam found a ditch and although Gemma found the sand, she chipped out well and won the match

Referee Jan said: "The championship match was a delight to referee, it was so exciting to see Sam fight back from six down to all square on the 36th hole, and then Gemma, who had led from the start, winning on the 37th hole, all played fairly in the spirit of our wonderful game of golf."

The Diak was also played in the afternoon between Julie Harkin and Shirley O'Donovan, who last played in this bronze championship 47 years ago.

Shirley has been in the championship finals 23 times, and won 12 of them, and at over 80, is the oldest player to take part in the Diak.

Although Shirley played a cracking shot from the trees on the second, Julie had a wonderful drive on the third, and took a lead of three up on the third. Shirley fought back steadily until the match was all square on the ninth.

On the 11th, Shirley's third shot flew into the pond, giving Julie the lead again and she moved on to be two up on the 15th.

On the 16th, they both drove the green but Shirley won it to go just one down. On the 17th, Julie was through the green and Shirley just off, and the hole halved.

On the 18th tee, Julie was still one up, but Shirley's fourth shot found the bunker, and although she hit it out eventually and sunk the putt, Julie was already on the green and won the match.

Audrey said: "It was a pleasure to referee a match which was played with such friendliness and sportsmanship."

Despite the wind and showers, all the finalists played wonderful golf enjoyed by their many supporters.

A dinner and presentation was held in the clubhouse in the evening, with the competitors giving entertaining speeches.

WELSH TITLE FOR ROBBIE

Robbie Lee won the GUW Silver Challenge Bowl 2015 at Builth Wells, aided by her caddie, Olwen Thomas.

Lady golfers from all over Wales take part in this competition, so congratulations to Robbie, who is the first Brynhill player to win this coverted award.

CH

Robbie Lee, the winner of the GUW Silver Challenge Bowl 2015

Finalists and lady captain Glynis.

Julie, Jenny, referee Audrey, Shirley and Judy.

Helen, Sam, Gemma, Anne and referee Jan.

IWAN SETS THE GOLD STANDARD!

LOCAL athlete Iwan Robinson-Booth from St Athan took the title of Welsh National Double Sprint Champion at the recent National Championships in Newport on August 15/16.

Day one of competition saw Iwan win his heat in the under-15 100m to set up an afternoon final with the best athletes in Wales at this level, which he won with a time of 11.53 seconds gaining him a gold medal and champion status.

Day two was the under 15 200m competition which saw a second place in the heat to ensure final qualification.

Iwan won the afternoon final with a blistering run overtaking the race leader in the home straight whilst recording a time of 23.24 seconds and earning gold medal number two.

For Iwan, who also plays rugby for Llantwit Major RFC and attends Llantwit Comprehensive, this was his first major athletics competition since joining Cardiff AAC in May this year.

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Cowbridge CC strengthen grip on promotion places

BY achieving a winning draw against Drefach on Saturday, Cowbridge Cricket Club's first XI strengthened their hold on the second promotion place for elevation to Division One of the South Wales Cricket Association.

At the start of play Cowbridge held a 16 point advantage over third placed Drefach with three games to be played.

This represented a solid position but certainly not one of great comfort with a total of 84 points available. Any slip by Cowbridge could have had serious consequences placing them and Drefach in an even position.

As it turned out it was not far short of the end of the game that the Cowbridge faithful could breathe easily as a tense game finally swung their way.

Batting first on a tired end of season pitch, only Mike Lloyd batted with any authority making a patient 62.

Skipper Neil Brand had got to 25 but at 110-3 with Merilaht away and Lloyd and Brand back in the pavilion, it was time for some hard graft from Adam Wood (20) and Alex Kurobasa (24) who added 30 for the fourth wicket in what would prove a vital partnership.

A flourish from the tail with Gethin Davies (11) leading the way eventually got Cowbridge to 172-8 off 50 overs.

While some of the XI who are more used to scores well in excess of 200 were anxious, the consensus was that if they bowled and fielded well then the total was probably enough.

While Sam Russel and Alex Kurobasa bowled steadily for the home side there was a solid start from Drefach.

The visitors got to 33 before Neil Brand struck with a catch at the wicket by Chris Willey, which was followed straight away by his bowling the new batsman with an arm ball.

At 37-2 Drefach remained in the game and as the third wicket partnership grew to 99 there were some worried faces around the ground.

However two wickets, a bowled by Brand followed up with Rhydian Harris also hitting the stumps, reduced Drefach to 100-4. A stunning slip catch by Kurobasa off Brand and an LBW meant that the seemingly good position had become one of hopelessness, four wickets having fallen for the total of eight runs.

At 107-6 there was speculation that Drefach might go for glory and attempt an unlikely chase. They chose not follow this route and limped along to 138-9 at the close.

Cowbridge had been unable to take the final wicket to achieve an outright win for the fifth time this season.

The pick of the bowlers was Neil Brand (5-27 off 15 overs) and Alex Kurobasa (2-27 off 12) whose all-round contribution had been a significant factor in the satisfactory outcome.

By Saturday evening the new position became clear. With two games to go it would seem Bronwydd on 332 points have one hand on the trophy.

The battle involving Cowbridge and Drefach is still alive with Cowbridge 24 points clear, 297 to 273. To even things up going into the last game, Cowbridge would need to lose badly at Gorseinon next week and Drefach win well against Maesteg.

After that Cowbridge play host to lowly Pwll while Drefach are at Bronwydd. The promotion spot is now Cowbridge's to lose.

Sadly the second XI did not have a fixture on Saturday as Morriston conceded the game. The silver lining was 28 points, which keeps the seconds in seventh place in Division Five.

JRB

The power is with Amanda as she lands top lifting title

A Cowbridge woman who helps in the physical rehabilitation of people in the Vale recently won a four nations powerlifting title in Glasgow.

Amanda Gisby (33) who lives in Cowbridge, but is originally from Dover, told The GEM: "I was awarded best female lifter at the recent British Drug Free Power Lifting Association event in Glasgow on August 1."

Powerlifting differs from weightlifting and uses the squat, bench press, and deadlift – none of which is directed vertically overhead – while weightlifting uses the snatch, and the 'clean and jerk', both overhead movements.

Amanda Gisby, from Cowbridge, is one of Britain's top power lifters.

Amanda, a former electronic warfare specialist with the Royal Corps Signals, works for the Vale Council at Llantwit Major Leisure Centre.

She's had a busy summer of competition.

"I came fifth in my first UK Strongest Woman Competition in July, and was the strongest Welsh woman there.

"The event included lifting cars, 60kg bag runs, pulling trucks, 180kg yoke runs, and an overhead log press."

Amanda holds six Welsh records and recently broke the Welsh deadlift record of 165kg. She is also the current British Powerlifting Champion holding two British records – squat 125kg, and 'overall total' 355kg.

In September, Amanda will be off to Bristol University to start a 'post graduate certificate of education' in chemistry.

Cavs a win away from achieving promotion!

LLANTWIT MAJOR Cavaliers' first XI are now only one win away from promotion after a decisive victory on Saturday afternoon, in the beautiful settings of Margam Country Park.

After the warm-ups had been completed, captain Snelson won the toss and elected to bowl first on a pitch that had a slight covering of grass. As has become almost customary this season, the new ball bowlers for the Cavs bowled exceptionally.

Julian Griffiths (13-6-24-4) and Sam Pickford (10-6-7-0) were both unlucky not to pick up more wickets, as several chances went begging. Pickford was especially unlucky not to pick up at least one wicket, after giving only five runs away in his first nine overs!

Thanks to the control and skill on display by the Cavs' bowlers, Margam struggled to score and were 29-3 after 24 overs, thanks to a Scott Wheatley (3-0-26-2) wicket.

After drinks, Margam scored more freely and recovered to 80-4 after 35 overs, largely thanks to aggressive batting by M Jenkins (16), and controlled stroke play by L O'Connor.

Knowing that every point is vital at this stage in the season, the Cavs knew that they needed to take wickets. Spinner Jenkins (12-3-21-2) managed to remove Davies (11) and the dangerous L O'Connor (48) in quick succession, thanks to two well-taken catches by Jono Cheal. This left Margam 89-6, with 10 overs remaining in their innings.

Jono Cheal (10.1-2-23-2) managed to pick up the next four wickets, in partnership with Griffiths, very quickly. This left Margam all out for 109. Cheal was unfortunate not to have another wicket, having managed to hit the stumps, but not dislodge the bails on one occasion.

After padding up, Griffiths and Collins strolled out to the middle to begin the Cavs' chase. Knowing that wickets in hand would mean more points for the Cavs, both batsmen batted sensibly on a pitch with an incredibly slow outfield.

L O'Connor (15-8-18-2) was the only Margam bowler who was a constant threat, and he managed to pick up the wicket of Collins (24) with the score on 52-1.

After R Davies (11-5-23-1) picked up the wicket of Stu Davies, and O'Connor got the prized scalp of Griffiths (30), the Cavs were in the perilous position of 61-3 after 30 overs.

The fall of Griffiths brought Sam Pickford to the middle. Along with captain Snelson (18*), Pickford (24*) played sensibly, and punished the bad balls from each over. This effort saw the Cavs over the line in the 44th over, with seven wickets still intact, meaning the Cavs made their way back to Windmill Lane with 26 points in the bag.

All Cav players would like to thank the friends and families who travelled to the game; the support from the boundary was much appreciated by all the players.

The win sees the Cavs retain top-spot in SWCA Division 3, with two games remaining. Since second-placed Landore play third-placed Morriston next week, a win for the Cavs against Baglan should see promotion secured.

The game against Baglan will start at 1.30pm at Windmill Lane, and all support would be greatly appreciated.

The Cavs would like to thank their sponsors: Anthony Brown Estate Agents, Chiropodist Roz Couzens, Cooperative Travel, Jaipur, Llantwit Major Autocentre, Oxford Lawns and Gardens, Simons Plaice, Sinclair Direct and Wave Design to Print for their much appreciated sponsorship of the club.

BJ

The Cowbridge bowls round-up

COWBRIDGE lady bowlers continue to excel in all competitions.

It is to the selectors' credit that they have managed to play 31 of its members this season to date.

On August 10, away to Millwood Barry in the two rink Evening League competition, Cowbridge lost on one rink but won on the other and gained three more points.

Rink scores: Diane Purnell, Caryl Davies, Phyllis Price and Lynda Wilson (skip) 12-15; Sandra Collin, Sylvia Hole, Diane Lloyd and Sue Flower (skip) 14-12. Match score: Cowbridge 26, Millwood 27.

On August 11 in a friendly at home to Barry Romilly, Cowbridge won on all three rinks and overall by 32 shots.

Rink scores: Sandra Collin, Anne Jarvis, Sylvia Hole and Joy Woolford (skip) 20-9; Janet Morton, Mary Dowdle, Caryl Davies and Pat Holdsworth (skip) 17-6; Thelma Jones, Pat Davey, Carol Davies and Lynda Wilson (skip) 19-9. Match score: Cowbridge 56, Barry Romilly 24.

On August 13, in an all-important league match at home to Llantwit Major, Cowbridge won on all three rinks. Two rinks were close but a good finish secured maximum points and a top of the table position.

Rink scores: Diane Purnell, Diane Lloyd, Kay Edwards and Joan Bradley (skip) 15-14; Janet Morton, Phyllis Price, Pat Holdsworth and Shirley Wilkinson (skip) 15-13; Lynda Wilson, Helena Snelling, May Jones and Sue Flower (skip) 19-11. Match score: Cowbridge 49, Llantwit 38.

As for the men, the news is not so good in the two games played.

In the Munro midweek game Dinas Powis made a rare visit to Cowbridge, winning two of the rinks and the match overall by 13 shots.

Rink scores: Ron Frayling, John Hunt, Colin Wilson and Norman Wilkinson (skip) 13-18; Gerry Lloyd Brian Williams, Peter Launder and Clive Pritchard (skip) 10-26; Terry Dunsworth, Jim Hewlett, Guy Morton and Bob Penn (skip) 18-15; Mansel Davey, Phil Woosnam, Byron Richards and Alan Wallace (skip) 22-17. Match score: Cowbridge 63, Dinas Powis 76.

Finally, the weekend game away to Fairoak (Roath Park) - the team holding up the table. Cowbridge were looking for rink wins and some points but it was not to be - we left pointless.

Match score: Cowbridge 56, Fairoak 99.

We have two more League games to play, and the first of these is at home to Beddau this Saturday - a game we need to win.

MB

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